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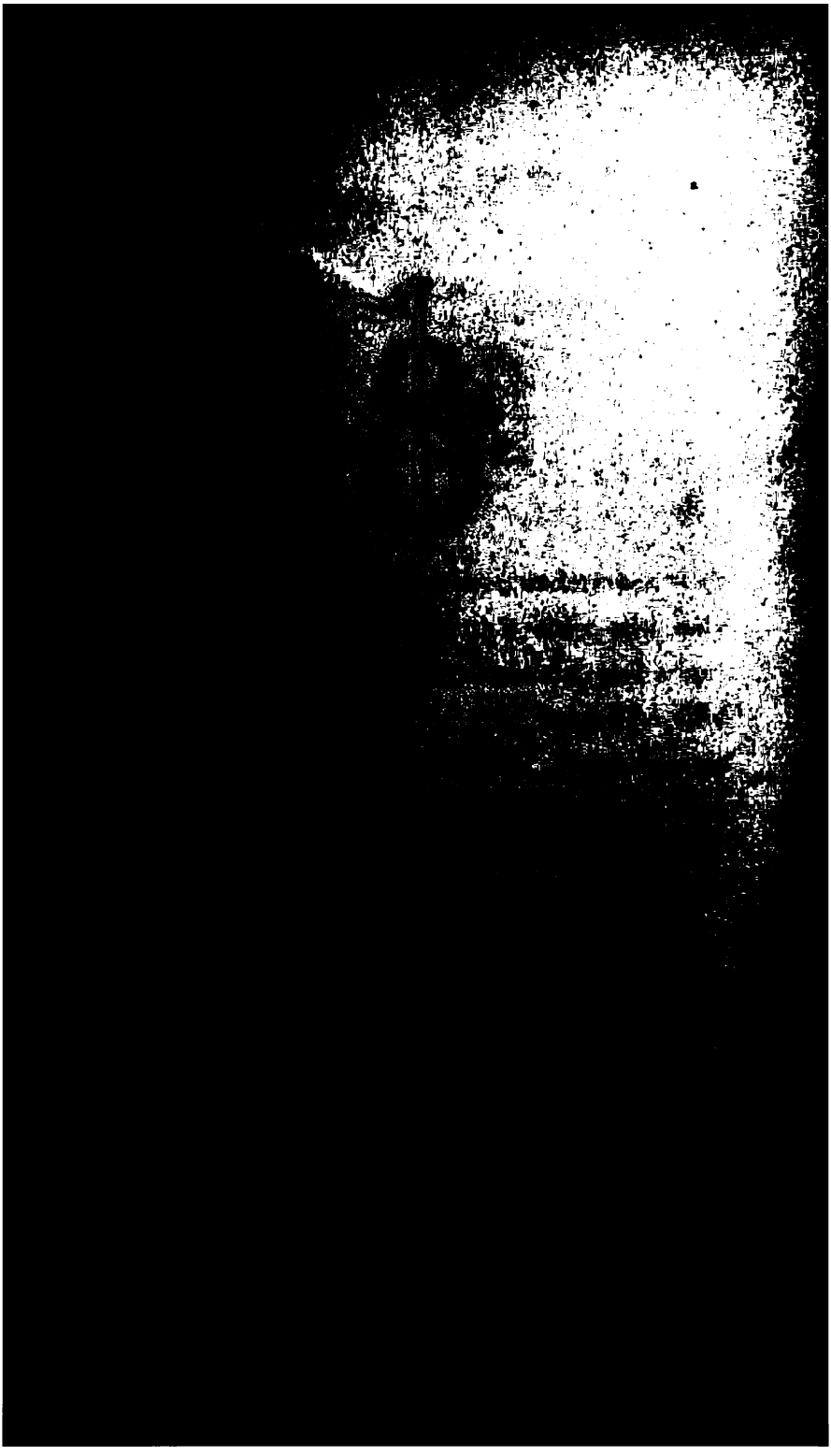

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vice, with nothing to rely on but his character and his sword, may derive instruction from his example, and encouragement from his success.

Edward Pellew, Viscount Exmouth, descended from a family which was settled in the west of Cornwall for many centuries, but came originally from Normandy, where the name is still met with. After the close of the war he received a letter from a family there, claiming kindred, and offering the name and armorial bearings in proof. The original orthography, "Pelleu," was retained until a comparatively recent period. They are said to have landed at Pengersick Castle, near St. Michael's Mount, and appear to have remained in that part of the country until the beginning of the [illegible]

[illegible] States would prevent the [illegible]
[illegible] application to the American Govern-
[illegible]
[illegible] built part of Flushing, a large [illegible]
[illegible] of Falmouth harbour, including
[illegible] house, in which [illegible]
[illegible] household property, [illegible]
[illegible] In 1692, [illegible]
[illegible] and Pengelly, [illegible]
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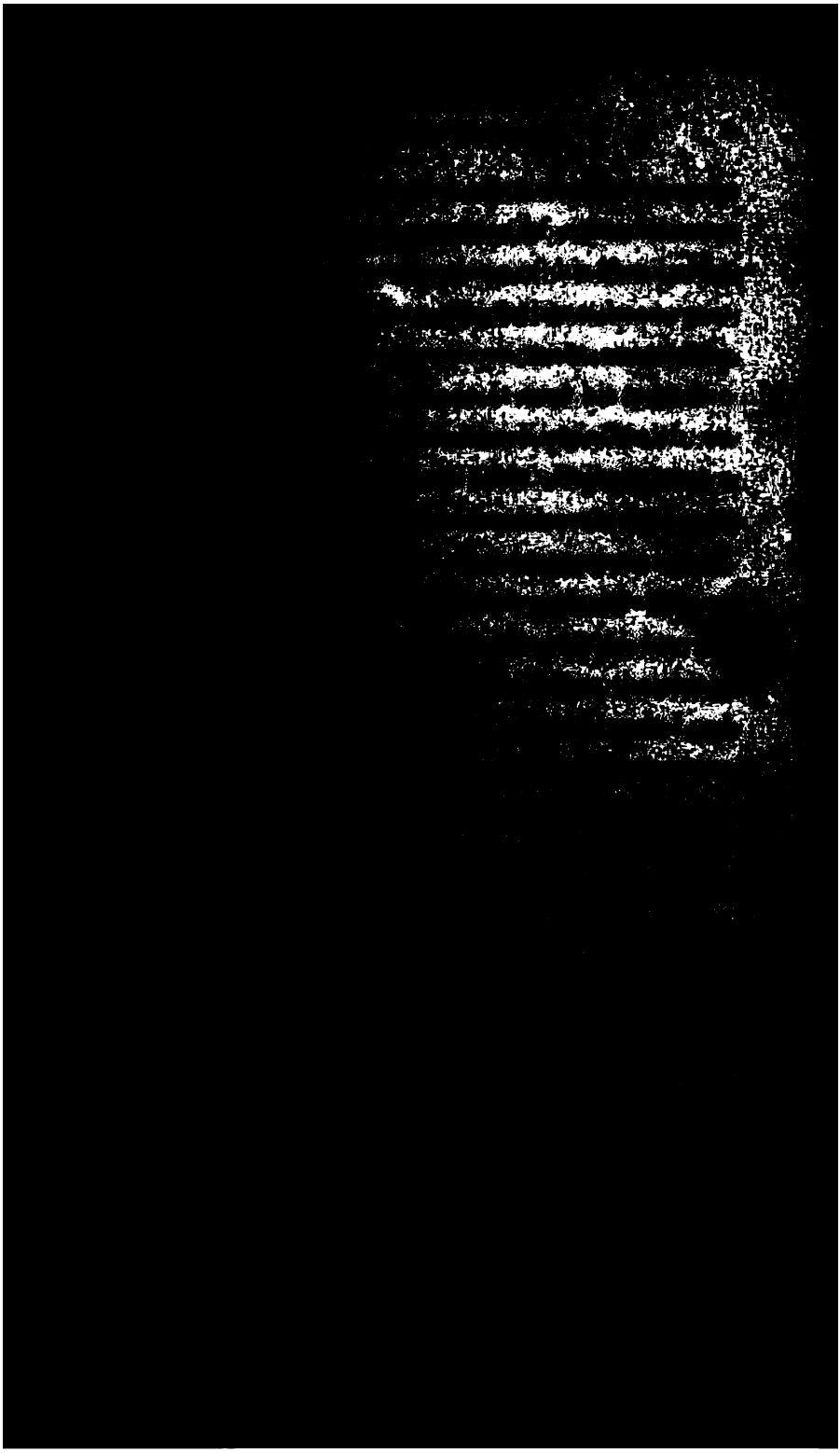


were probably indebted for much of their success, as well as for the fearless independence which distinguished them, to the circumstances which then compelled them from childhood to rely only upon themselves.

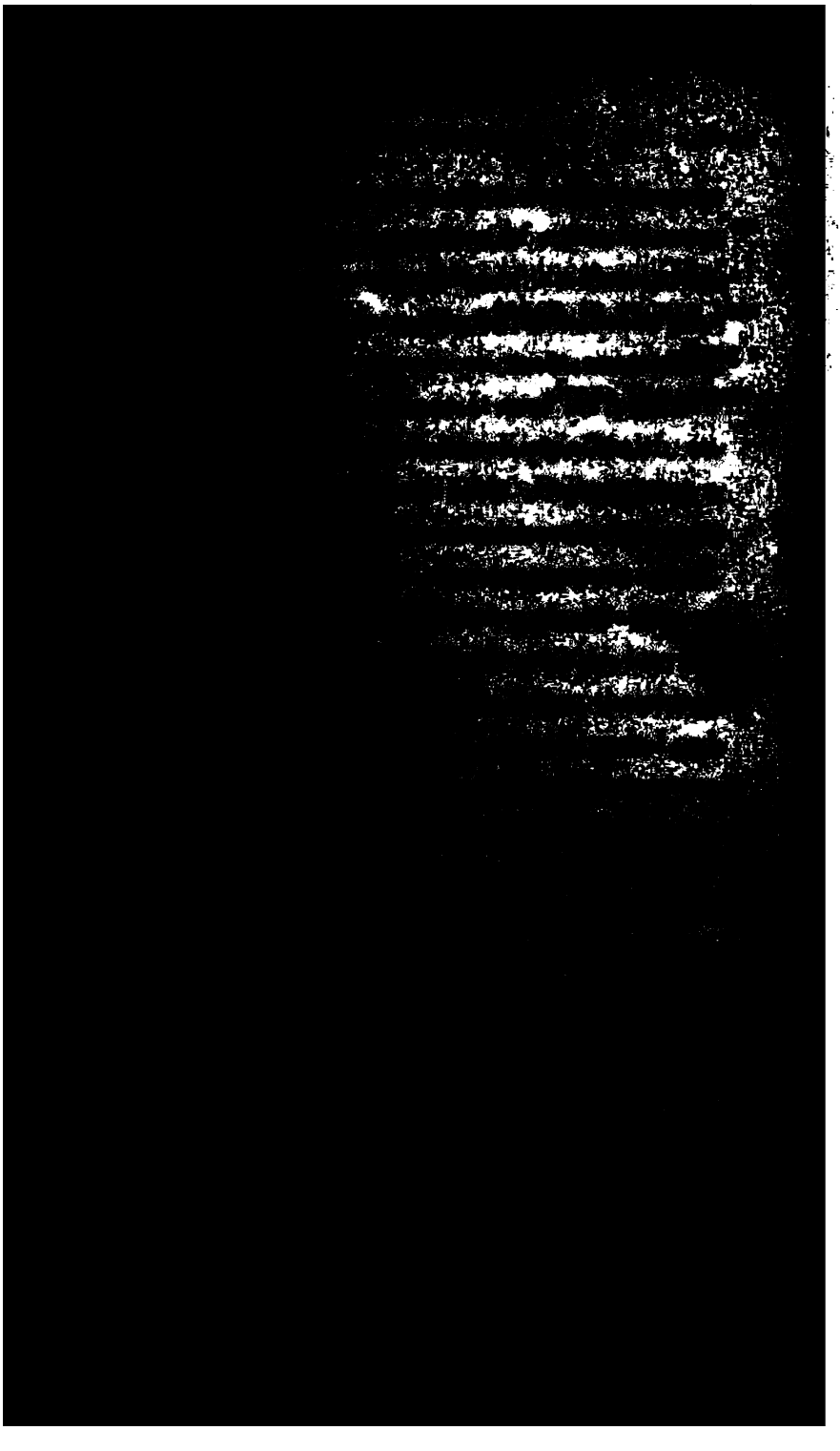
United by their common difficulties, the family were so closely connected, that it would be impossible to give Lord Exmouth's history without frequent references to two of his brothers, both of whom were honourably employed in the service of their Country. For this reason, and because the success of a whole family, when obtained by [illegible], is so much more remarkable [illegible], it has been thought proper to give a short account of each. [illegible]

[illegible] but not succeeding, he gave them the highest testimonials of their ability and desert, saying that he believed they would become an honour to the service. Mr. Pellew found a master of a merchant vessel on shore, who had known his family at Dover, and now offered to take him to Lisbon, but declined to accommodate a second passenger. Mr. Pellew pleaded so earnestly for the young friend, and so positively refused to leave [illegible] at length consented to give [illegible] From Lisbon they reached [illegible] Little did he [illegible]

[illegible] mutual confidence and [illegible] and his [illegible] [illegible] and it was [illegible] that his quick [illegible] which, with a judg- [illegible] might have [illegible] a guide so kind [illegible]

[illegible] up, he was surprised to [illegible] the yard-arm standing on [illegible] who was at his side [illegible] by assuring him [illegible] of the usual frolics of young [illegible] the General might make himself [illegible] that if he should [illegible] the ship's [illegible] side. [illegible] for the [illegible] of the Blonde [illegible]

in June, to take measures for wresting from them the command of Lake Champlain; an object essential to the security of Canada, as well as to

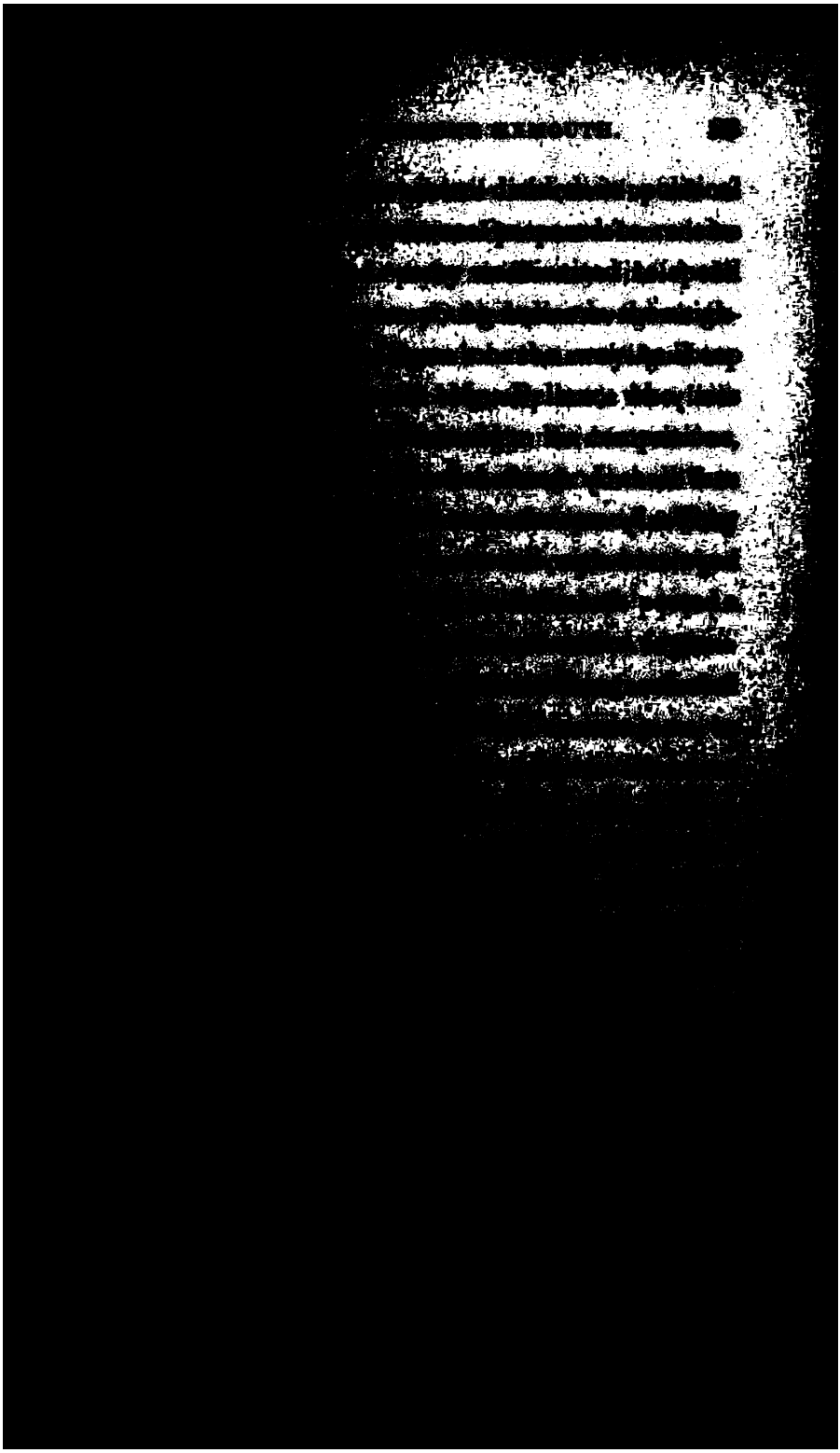


[illegible] wounded and senseless. He would have [illegible] overboard as dead, but for the inter- [illegible] of Mr. Pellew, who now succeeded to the [illegible]. He maintained the unequal contest [illegible] Captain Pringle, baffled in all his efforts to [illegible] the squadron, made the signal of recall; [illegible] the Cerberus, with two feet water in her [illegible], and half her crew killed and wounded, [illegible] to obey. In attempting to [illegible] [illegible] near the shore, [illegible] [illegible] enemy's [illegible] [illegible] Pellew, not regarding the [illegible]

[illegible] Quebec, Oct. 30, 1776.

[illegible] account I have received of your [illegible] on board the Carleton, in the different [illegible] on the Lakes, gives me the warmest satis- [illegible] and I shall not fail to represent it in the [illegible] to the Earl of Sandwich and my [illegible] and recommend you as deserving a [illegible] for your gallantry; and as Lieutenant [illegible], your late commander, will no doubt obl[illegible] for his conduct, when he reaches Eng- [illegible] by General Sir Guy Carleton [illegible] command of the schooner in which [illegible] your duty [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Pullow attended to his charge with a [illegible] and activity which nothing could evade. [illegible] the American Commander [illegible] Arnold, most narrowly escaped, becoming [illegible]. Having ventured upon the Lake in [illegible] he was observed, and chased so closely [illegible] Pullow, that when he reached the shore and [illegible] left his stock and buckle in the [illegible] [illegible] This is still preserved by Mr. Pullow's elder brother, to whom Arnold's [illegible] [illegible] years ago, confirmed the particulars of his [illegible] [illegible] seeing that his men [illegible]



[illegible], that little was left to the discretion of the unfortunate General who was to conduct it. He felt like an officer on the occasion, and resigned the government of Canada; but he acted like an Englishman, and though he disapproved materially of some parts of the plan, he omitted nothing which might contribute to its success. The army devoted to an expedition thus inauspiciously commenced, was composed of 7,000 regular troops, of whom 3,200 were Germans; a corps of artillery, 2,000 Canadians, and 1000 Indians. Sir Guy Carleton knew too well the [illegible] character of the Indians [illegible] at home [illegible]

Ticonderoga possessed great natural advantages. It was protected on three sides by the water, with very rocky shores; and on the fourth, partly by a morass, and where that failed, by a strong breast-work. It was, indeed, commanded by a neighbouring height, Sugar Hill, which the Americans had neglected to secure, because their force was insufficient to man the extensive works they already occupied; but they presumed that its [illegible] inaccessible character would prevent the British from attempting to scale it. Opposite Ticonderoga they had fortified a high conical hill [illegible] and connected it with [illegible] [illegible] which were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] came up, losing their commander, and nearly 1000 men in killed, wounded, and taken. Colonel Hill marched to intercept the fugitives along Wood Creek, a small river which rises in the high grounds near the Hudson, and precipitates itself over a fall into South Bay at Skenesborough. He was attacked by a very superior force, but after three hours of severe fighting, he repulsed the enemy with much loss. Setting fire to Fort Anne, they fled across to the Hudson, where, with the fugitives from the other battle, [illegible] commander, General St. Clair, they [illegible] at Fort Edward. [illegible] Burgoyne [illegible]

[illegible] horses had arrived, and only fifty teams of [illegible] had been collected; which, over the bad [illegible] rendered more difficult by heavy [illegible] could bring little more than was required for the daily consumption of the army. On the 15th of August, after a fortnight's incessant exertion, there were only four days' provisions in store.

While General Burgoyne was thus compelled to remain inactive, the enemy was daily becoming stronger. The conduct of the [illegible] had [illegible] the whole country; and the British [illegible] which the General could [illegible] The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and when Breyman reached the [illegible], he was attacked on all sides. His troops [illegible] with success, and drove the enemy from [illegible] or three posts; but ammunition falling [illegible] at length compelled to retreat. [illegible] men were lost in these actions [illegible] more fatal effect of them was the [illegible] which a first success imparted [illegible] [illegible] was soon obliged to retire [illegible] The increasing [illegible] and the arrival of [illegible]

but the fact that the enemy could so long withstand regular troops in the open field, was decisive of the fate of the campaign.

Next morning the army took a position almost within cannon-shot of the enemy, fortifying the right wing, and covering the bateaux and hospital with the left. The position of the enemy was unassailable. The savages, whose atrocities had disgraced the success of the army, and contributed mainly to create its present difficulties, now deserted altogether; and great part of the provincials and Canadians followed their example. [illegible] that he might be relieved by advantageous [illegible] York, Burgoyne sent advices to [illegible] requesting him with his [illegible] to remain till [illegible] Meanwhile, he took every [illegible]

[illegible] it became necessary [illegible] of provisions. This [illegible] hardship, was sub- [illegible] and never did an [illegible] than did this [illegible] extreme peril. Grati- [illegible] it is a prouder [illegible] contending with un- [illegible] no valour [illegible] [illegible] skill may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

fell. The troops retreated in good order, but lost six of their guns.

Scarcely had they regained the camp, when the enemy rushed on to storm it; Arnold, as usual, distinguishing himself by the impetuous courage with which he led his men to the attack. The battle was maintained where he fought with the utmost desperation, till he fell, severely wounded, and his followers were driven back. In another part, the enemy were more successful. Colonel Breyman was killed, and the entrenchments defended by the German reserve which he commanded were carried. Night ended the battle, and left to the army the melancholy task of summing up its loss, which included several officers of distinction. Mr. Pellew had more than [illegible] in the calamity; his brother [illegible]

tack upon the provision-vessel in the hands of the enemy. The gallantry of your little party was deserving of the success which attended it; and I send you my sincere thanks, together with those of the army, for the important service you have rendered them upon this occasion.

JOHN BURGOYNE.

N. B. The vessel contained 500 barrels of provisions, of which article the army was in great want.

A retreat to Fort Edward by a night [illegible] the troops carrying their provisions on their [illegible] now offered the only hope of safety; but while preparations were being made for this, it was found that the enemy had effectually [illegible] against it, by throwing up entrenchments [illegible] [illegible] a strong body [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible]

[illegible] camp, where they lay [illegible] the grape and rifle shot [illegible] around them. On [illegible] three days' provision re- [illegible] was therefore held, [illegible] summoned all the [illegible] was called to at- [illegible] brigade of seamen; [illegible] to his merits and [illegible] not be afforded [illegible] of calling a [illegible] to sit in [illegible] present, [illegible]

[illegible] knowledge and readiness at resources would have given them great facilities in making their way through a hostile country. But their escape would have cast a very undeserved discredit upon the army, and the proposal was properly [illegible] [illegible]. Burgoyne said, what sailors could do, soldiers might do; and if the attempt were sanctioned for the one, the others must [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and take their [illegible] [illegible]

the enemy determined to take no quarter. Terms proposed by General Burgoyne were finally acquiesced in; and as far as the American commander was concerned, they were faithfully observed, and enforced with the most considerate delicacy.

Mr. Pellew, after having shared in the attentions, and hospitality of General Gates, was sent to England by General Burgoyne with despatches, a distinction to which his services in the campaign were considered to have entitled him. At Quebec, he met his former commander, Sir Guy Carleton, whose successor had not yet arrived, and who charged him with additional despatches, and the following letter to Lord Sandwich:—

"Quebec, November 2, 1777.

"My Lord—This will be presented to your lordship by Mr. Edward Pellew, a young man to whose gallantry and merit during two severe campaigns in this country, I cannot do justice. He is just now returned to me from Saratoga, having shared the fate of that unfortunate army, and is on his way to England. I beg leave to recommend him to your lordship, as worthy of a commission in his Majesty's service, for his good conduct. Guy Carleton."

He came home in a transport, in which Major Foy was also a passenger. An enemy's cruizer chased them, and the Major, as the superior officer, was proceeding to assume the command; but Mr. Pellew told him that he was the only naval officer on board, and must himself fight the ship. The Major acquiesced; and under Mr. Pellew's command, the transport engaged, and beat off the privateer.

It is scarcely necessary to state that immediately on his arrival he received the promotion which his services had so well merited.

nerved by the hardships of two severe campaigns, his personal activity and power were almost unrivalled. The spot was shown for many years at Truro, where he sprang over the gate of an inn-yard at the back of one of the hotels, when hastening across the court to assist on the sudden alarm of a fire, he found the gate fast. The consciousness of superior strength, while it made him slow to offend, enabled him to inflict suitable punishment on offenders, and some incidents of a ludicrous character are still remembered.

The water was as a natural element to him, and he often amused himself in a manner which, [illegible] would have been attended [illegible] He would sometimes go [illegible] in a boat, and overset her by carrying a [illegible] [illegible] and similar acts of daring [illegible] in the spirit of a fearless youth [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] by himself from Falmouth [illegible] fourteen feet long; [illegible] and he [illegible] [illegible] and swam after it; [illegible] tiller a-lee. As he was [illegible] the boat got way on her; [illegible] before she came up in [illegible] her when she [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

no reason why England should do so too. At length, after every plea had been urged in vain, Mr. Fellow took out his commission, and begged that he might be allowed to return it, declaring that he would rather command a privateer, than remain inactive while the war was going on. Lord Sandwich, smiling at his ardour, desired him to put up his commission, and promised that he should not be forgotten. Soon after, he was appointed to the Licorne.

In the spring of 1779, the Licorne sailed for the Newfoundland station, under the orders of Captain Cadogan, who had lately superseded Captain [illegible], her former commander. On her voyage out, she captured two of the enemy's [illegible], and Lieutenant Fellow's conduct in the [illegible] recommended the prize of his captain. She [illegible] Fellow, when he left [illegible]

[illegible] in the North Sea,
[illegible] ships, was ordered
[illegible] in pursuit of a cutter:
[illegible] up with the chase, when
[illegible] above in sight, and
[illegible] for a more equal oppo-
[illegible] brought her to action at
[illegible] under a press of sail;
[illegible] to escape to the
[illegible] distant
[illegible] Captain
[illegible] said to
[illegible] you won't
[illegible]

[illegible] depend so readily on talented and [illegible] young man, who are too apt to regard as impossible the loss of any thing they had relied under the attainment of a favourite object. Only these can show that a strong mind is not dependent upon accidental circumstances, but creates [illegible] for itself, as a great will make, if it doesn't find, a channel for its waters. But [illegible] Fuller was too young to have learnt this lesson and [illegible] he met with grief for his [illegible] and disappointment at the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and considerable [illegible] satisfied with it, and [illegible] what to send, his promotion [illegible] for an application. Still [illegible] affording, as it does, [illegible] a sketch of his [illegible] of his feelings at [illegible]

from making our rigging and sails the objects of his fire; though I am well convinced he had laid his guns down as much as possible. When I assumed the command, we had shot upon his bow: I endeavoured to get the courses hauled up, and the top-gallant-sails clewed up, neither of which we could do, as we had neither clue-garnets, bunt-lines, or leach-lines left. However, we got the top-gallant-sails down, with most of the stay-sails, and the mizen-topsail aback; but finding we still outsailed him, I had no other method left but that of sheering across his hawse, first on one bow, then on the other, raking him as we crossed, always having in view the retarding his way, by obliging him either to receive us athwart his bowsprit, in which case we should have [illegible] his head off shore, or to sheer as we did, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and I had repeatedly [illegible] the pilot; and I am sorry [illegible] he did not appear. Thus [illegible] a half fathoms water, and [illegible] there was no time to hesi- [illegible] of the master, I wore, [illegible] with her head off [illegible] the courses and other [illegible] a brace or bowline [illegible] to repeat the ac- [illegible] had scarcely wore, [illegible] main yard, and [illegible] without [illegible] took a large [illegible] had struck [illegible]

repair our damages. Our masts are much wounded, the rigging very much torn, and several shot under water, by which we made two feet water an hour.

"Your Lordship will, I hope, pardon me, for troubling you with the relation of private feelings. The loss of Captain Pownoll will be severely felt. The ship's company have lost a father. I have lost much more, a father and a friend united; and that friend my only one on earth. Never, my Lord, was grief more poignant than that we all feel for our adored commander. Mine is inexpressible. The friend who brought me up, and pushed me through the service, is now no more! It was ever my study, and will always be so, to pursue his glorious footsteps. How far I may succeed, I know not; but while he lived, I enjoyed the greatest blessing, that of being patronized by him. That happiness I am now deprived of, and [illegible] with the [illegible]

[illegible] whom I have had the ho-
[illegible] been three years in America;
[illegible] on Lake Champlain, for one of
[illegible], Lieutenant Dacres, our
[illegible] promotion; afterwards in a
[illegible] service, in that unfortu-
[illegible] General Burgoyne, whose
[illegible] received in the course of
[illegible] misfortunes I shared at
[illegible] with others, but increas-
[illegible] of a dead brother,
[illegible] having then re-
[illegible] to fulfil the con-
[illegible] and Burgoyne's
[illegible] Carleton's letter,

experienced, that you will extend to me that protection which I have lost in my dear departed benefactor. I have now no friend to solicit your Lordship in my favour. I stand alone to sue for your protection, in some confidence that you will not suffer the dejected and unsupported to fall. I presume to hope forgiveness for thus intruding on your time, particularly by a memorial that comes unbacked by any other name; but believe me, my Lord, there never was an officer with whom I have sailed, who would not do much more than back this, were his ability equal to his good wishes for my promotion.

"I cannot, in justice to the officers, close this without assuring your Lordship of the great and unremitting assistance I received from Mr. [illegible], the master, on every occasion; and from Mr. Mansfield, the marine officer, who was particularly active to assist on the quarter-deck [illegible] Mr. [illegible], second lieutenant, I am [illegible]

[illegible] being all by cannon [illegible] dismounted.

[illegible] EDWARD PELLEW."

[illegible] communication to him was [illegible] On the 18th of June, [illegible] he wrote to him: [illegible] with you on the [illegible] patron and friend, [illegible] and services [illegible] himself and his [illegible] you that I [illegible] like conduct." [illegible] old and [illegible]

to pay for them, but offered a pecuniary loan; and Captain Pellew accepted a small sum which made the debt £70. In a few weeks he received £160 prize-money, and immediately sent £100 to his creditor, desiring that the balance might be given in presents to the children, or, as he expressed it, "to buy ribbons for the girls." He never afterwards employed another tradesman. Perhaps, it was the recollection of this circumstance which induced him, when he had become a commander-in-chief, to prevent his own deserving, but necessitous young officers from suffering similar embarrassments, by presenting them with a sum equal to their immediate wants when he gave them a commission.

He took command of the Hazard on the [illegible] of July, 1780, and paid her off in the following January, having been employed between [illegible] and Leith. He held his next ship for [illegible] [illegible] On the 12th of March, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] a French prize, [illegible] [illegible] that he [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] French coast. On the [illegible] at anchor in Bass [illegible] them; upon which [illegible] ten or twelve guns each, [illegible] the entrance of the har- [illegible] immediately, and com- [illegible] on shore under a [illegible] the sloop. The Pelican [illegible] harbour, returning [illegible] arrived at Plymouth. [illegible] wounded; a heavy [illegible] by a friend, [illegible] a jocular allu- [illegible] still doing service in [illegible] The action is in- [illegible]

rank of a post-captain, in the service to which your universal good character and conduct do credit: and for this purpose, I have named you to the Suffolk, and hope soon to find a frigate for you, as she is promised to a captain of long standing.

KEPPEL."

Captain Pellew thus obtained every step of rank expressly as the reward of a brilliant action in which he personally commanded; and in this respect, and in the number and extent of his services while he remained in the lower grades of his profession, he was singular, not only among his contemporaries, but perhaps in the annals of the navy.

On the 4th of June, in the absence of Captain Marshall, of the 40-gun frigate Artois, Captain Pellew assumed the temporary command of [illegible] ship, and sailed two days after to cruise [illegible] [illegible] Her master was Mr. [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] a running fight of half an [illegible] alongside, and took [illegible] gladly availed himself of [illegible] his grateful respect to [illegible] Captain Pownoll, [illegible] to his brother-in-law, Mr. [illegible] of Plymouth-yard; [illegible] which he offered to his [illegible] be quite conclusive. [illegible] appoint an agent of [illegible] his right. [illegible] temper and [illegible] gave way. He [illegible] early childhood; [illegible] friend, and quite [illegible]

narrow creek, and which had peculiar attractions for him from family associations.

During this period he went out in command of his brother's armed lugger, the Hawk, in search of the notorious outlaw, Wellard. Activity, indeed, was essential to his comfort; and he suffered many an anxious hour, and much desponding anticipation, before he obtained the object of his hopes. At length, in 1786, he commissioned the Winchelsea frigate for the Newfoundland station. Service in time of peace can offer little of importance; and a lapse of fifty years will generally destroy the memory of circumstances and personal traits which interested at the time; if, indeed, [illegible] should leave a surviver to chronicle them. [illegible] pily, a now surviving officer was a midshipman [illegible] the Winchelsea, and his notes of early [illegible] form a narrative, equally illustrative and [illegible] ing. It is given in his own words. In [illegible] affairs, nothing can equal the spirit and [illegible] [illegible] description [illegible]

[illegible] at the head of his pro-
[illegible] of him by your good con-
[illegible] well. The Winchelsea was
[illegible] men, with scarcely a lands-
[illegible] the first lieutenant, senior
[illegible] were all excellent
[illegible] the midshipmen and
[illegible] of nearly thirty, could
[illegible] for obtaining a know-
[illegible] We soon found
[illegible] would not allow us
[illegible] much kindness of
[illegible] blended with
[illegible] of his duties.

"The reduced peace complement of the crew made it necessary that they should work watch-and-watch, and one part of his system was, that the watch on deck, assisted by the idlers, should be in the habit of making themselves equal to every call of duty, without trespassing on the rest of those whose turn it was to be below. I remember relieving the deck one night after eight o'clock, when the captain was carrying on the duty, and shortening sail upon the quick approach of a severe gale, and being an old sailor for my age, being then sixteen, he ordered me to the mizentop, to close reef and furl the mizen-topsail; and this being done, from the increase of the gale, we had before twelve o'clock to take in successively every reef, furl most of the sails, and [illegible] the topgallant-masts and other spars, to make [illegible] ship snug; the midshipman being on the [illegible] wall to the men, and the captain, when the [illegible] [illegible] at their elbow. In [illegible] [illegible] there was much difficulty [illegible] [illegible] purpose of making [illegible]

[illegible] was heard amidst the [illegible] the extreme end of the [illegible] us to exert ourselves to [illegible] otherwise beat to pieces. [illegible] the captain—how the [illegible] The fact was, that the [illegible] to go aloft, he laid [illegible] and clambered like a [illegible] of the [illegible] he was at [illegible] by the topsail [illegible] he was [illegible] instances of this [illegible]

anchor and warps elsewhere. The captain called to the men on the forecastle, and desired 'some active fellow to go down by the hawser, and cast it off,' at the same time saying that a boat would soon be there to bring him on board again. The smartest seamen in the ship declined the attempt. In an instant the captain was seen clinging to the hawser, and proceeding to the rock; the [illegible] was cast off, and to the astonishment of every one, he swang himself to the side of the ship by the same means, mounted the ship's side, and was again directing the duty going on. After nine hours' laborious and incessant exertion, the ship was anchored near the Commodore in St. [illegible] harbour, before daylight; and as a salute had been prepared in the hope of seeing the Commodore's pendant before sunset on the evening before, the captain remained on deck with the [illegible] only to assist him. The rest of the [illegible] being excessively fatigued, had [illegible]

[illegible] Besides, that some of [illegible] on every yard in the [illegible] the deck to the truck [illegible] in the sails and rigging by [illegible] not such dandies as to [illegible] even volunteering the [illegible] the care of one of the [illegible] all emulous to leave [illegible] practical [illegible] advantage of such [illegible] them [illegible] out of the [illegible] [illegible] visited every [illegible]

he applied to cruise after smugglers in the winter months, instead of being kept idle in harbour until the season opened for visiting Newfoundland again; but this did not come within the scope of the management of that day. In 1787, we returned to our station at Newfoundland. The summers there are very hot, and on the birthday of the good old king, George III., the 4th of June, the ship's company obtained permission to bathe. The ship was at anchor in St. John's harbour, and the captain had prepared himself for the public dinner at the Governor's by dressing in his full uniform, and mounted the deck to step into his barge, which was ready to take him [illegible]. The gambols and antics of the men in the [illegible] caught his attention, and he stepped on one [illegible] guns to look at them; when a lad, a servant [illegible] of the officers, who was standing on the [illegible] near to him, said, "I'll have a good swim [illegible] [illegible] the better," [illegible]

[illegible] captain's frolic. The lad's [illegible] an idea that he was a [illegible] I believe if ever the captain [illegible] when he saw the struggles [illegible] self-possession and activity [illegible] one enjoyed the laugh [illegible] he did when the danger [illegible] was passed in [illegible] as the former [illegible] Lisbon in October, [illegible] remittances in [illegible] British merchants [illegible] We had light [illegible] the coast of [illegible]

an instant the officers were over the side; but it was the captain who, grasping a rope firmly with one hand, let himself down to the water's edge, and catching hold of the poor boy's jacket as he floated past, he saved his life in as little time as I have taken to mention it. There was not a rope touched, or a sail altered in doing this, and the people below knew not of the accident until they came on deck when their dinner was over.

In every instance when a life was in danger, he was instant to peril his own for its preservation, and I could fill pages, if it were necessary to notice any but those which I was so fortunate [illegible]

After the Winchelsea had been paid off [illegible] Captain Pellew was appointed to the [illegible] 50, bearing the flag of Vice-Admiral [illegible]

[illegible] to the complainant,
[illegible] in coming here: your
[illegible] to punish you as he has
[illegible] to be more cautious
[illegible] shilling!"
[illegible] The
[illegible] cabin, much disap-
[illegible] was his surprise
[illegible] "Stop, sir;
[illegible] fact!
[illegible] by the topsail
[illegible] he was
[illegible]

CHAPTER III.

Rich only in reputation, and with an increasing family, Captain Pellew felt the pressure of narrow circumstances; and with the mistake so often made by naval officers, he thought to improve them by farming. There was a moderately large farm, Treverry, within a few miles of Falmouth, which had descended in the family to his [illegible] brother, and he proposed to cultivate this [illegible] the principle of sharing the profits. [illegible] though not very sanguine on the [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] complained [illegible]

[illegible] must excel, because [illegible] for success depends upon [illegible]plicity of petty details, which [illegible] likely to overlook, and talent [illegible] to attend to. If the small [illegible] his little ground by the [illegible] and the more consi- [illegible] to his estate skill, [illegible] attention, so often fail, [illegible] upon labourers [illegible] and whose in- [illegible] he is scarcely able [illegible] which depend for [illegible] and activity of [illegible]

[illegible] for the daily annoyances of the year. To be excelled in management by the uneducated, and over-reached by the cunning: to study systems of agriculture, to be thwarted in carrying them into effect, and when they fail, to become an object of contemptuous pity to the ignorant but successful followers of the old routine: to find that all around take advantage of his ignorance: that servants, the best with other masters, become careless and unfaithful with him; [illegible] length to bear with bad ones, from the hopelessness of getting better: to become involved in petty disputes with low neighbours, and to be unable to avoid them, except by a forbearance which encourages aggression: to find, that [illegible] all his attention and trouble, the income [illegible] behind the outgoings: these are among the [illegible] [illegible]

that he thought it right to strengthen his own decision by the opinion of his elder brother, before he finally refused it. His brother, who, had always encouraged his every ambitious, and every honourable feeling, and who, even at this time, confidently anticipated for him a career of high distinction, of which, indeed, his past life afforded ample promise, would not for a moment listen to his entering a foreign service. He said that every man owes his services, blood, and life, so exclusively to his own Country, that he has no right to give them to another; and he desired Captain Pellew to reflect how he would [illegible] for it to his God, if he lost his life in a cause which had no claim upon him. These high [illegible] tions of patriotism and religion are the [illegible] ground upon which the question should [illegible] Deeply is it to be regretted that men of [illegible] character should have unthinkingly [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] too dreadful a calamity [illegible] Only patriotism, with [illegible] endearing associations of [illegible] can throw a veil over [illegible] around its achievements: [illegible] victory all its splen- [illegible] defeat; and hallows [illegible] amidst the regrets [illegible] But he who goes [illegible] another state, what [illegible] to him? or how [illegible] the allies of his [illegible] bound on his [illegible]

[illegible] him to obtain the earliest information, hastened to Trevorry as soon as he saw that war was likely to break out, and advised his brother immediately to offer his services to the Admiralty in person. Captain Pellew, too happy in the prospect of exchanging the ploughshare for the sword, returned with him to Falmouth, and the same night was on the road to London. [illegible]

He was immediately appointed to the [illegible] of 36 guns, formerly a French frigate, which, by a striking coincidence, had been taken by [illegible] in the former war, after having been [illegible] by the loss of her [illegible]. He fitted her [illegible] extraordinary dispatch; but from the [illegible] ship commissioned at the same time, [illegible] great difficulty in manning her. Anticipating [illegible] Captains Pellew wrote to Falmouth to [illegible]

[illegible] system of [illegible]
[illegible] carefully [illegible] in
[illegible] their [illegible] workmen to act
[illegible] judgment. [illegible] Thus it
[illegible] already obedient, with
[illegible] determination, which
[illegible] characteristic. [illegible]
[illegible] enough and
[illegible] of
[illegible] enough and
[illegible] ability
[illegible]
[illegible] there is
[illegible]

fisheries, to the neglect of agriculture; and the county being thus dependent upon importations, famine was not uncommon. At such times, the poor tinners would come into the towns, or wherever they had reason to believe that corn was stored, with their bags, and their money, asking only barley-bread, and offering the utmost they could give for it, but insisting that food should be found for them at a price they could afford to pay. If the law must condemn such risings, humanity would pity them for the cause, and justice must admire the forbearance displayed in them. [illegible] one of these seasons of distress, when there [illegible] a great quantity of corn in the [illegible] cellars at Falmouth, a strong body of [illegible] in to insist that it should be sold. [illegible] the collector, met them in the street, [illegible] plained to them the circumstances [illegible] [illegible] with it, and which [illegible] [illegible] They were [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to Falmouth very badly [illegible] than a dozen seamen [illegible] of the officers, who were [illegible] and furl the sails — the [illegible] wherever anything [illegible] steering the ship. A [illegible] of the forecastle. [illegible] a rough passage, she [illegible] men. She took a [illegible] another from the [illegible] from Cuxhaven [illegible] slip an oppor- [illegible] could be spared [illegible] would re- [illegible]

[illegible] the disadvantage of [illegible]
when the Cleopatra was seen coming up, [illegible]
[illegible] obliged to fly. On the Nymphe [illegible]
joining her, the two frigates [illegible]
the enemy as far as Cherbourg. Thence Captain
Pellew proceeded to the North Channel, [illegible]
some French cruizers were reported to [illegible]
but having swept the Channel without [illegible]
thing of them, and taken on board [illegible]
Israel, then living a half-pay commander [illegible]
he returned to Falmouth. [illegible]
June, the Nymphe pressed the [illegible]
[illegible] whilst all manned the [illegible]
[illegible] from Falmouth [illegible]
[illegible] Captain Pellew [illegible]
[illegible] the Channel [illegible]
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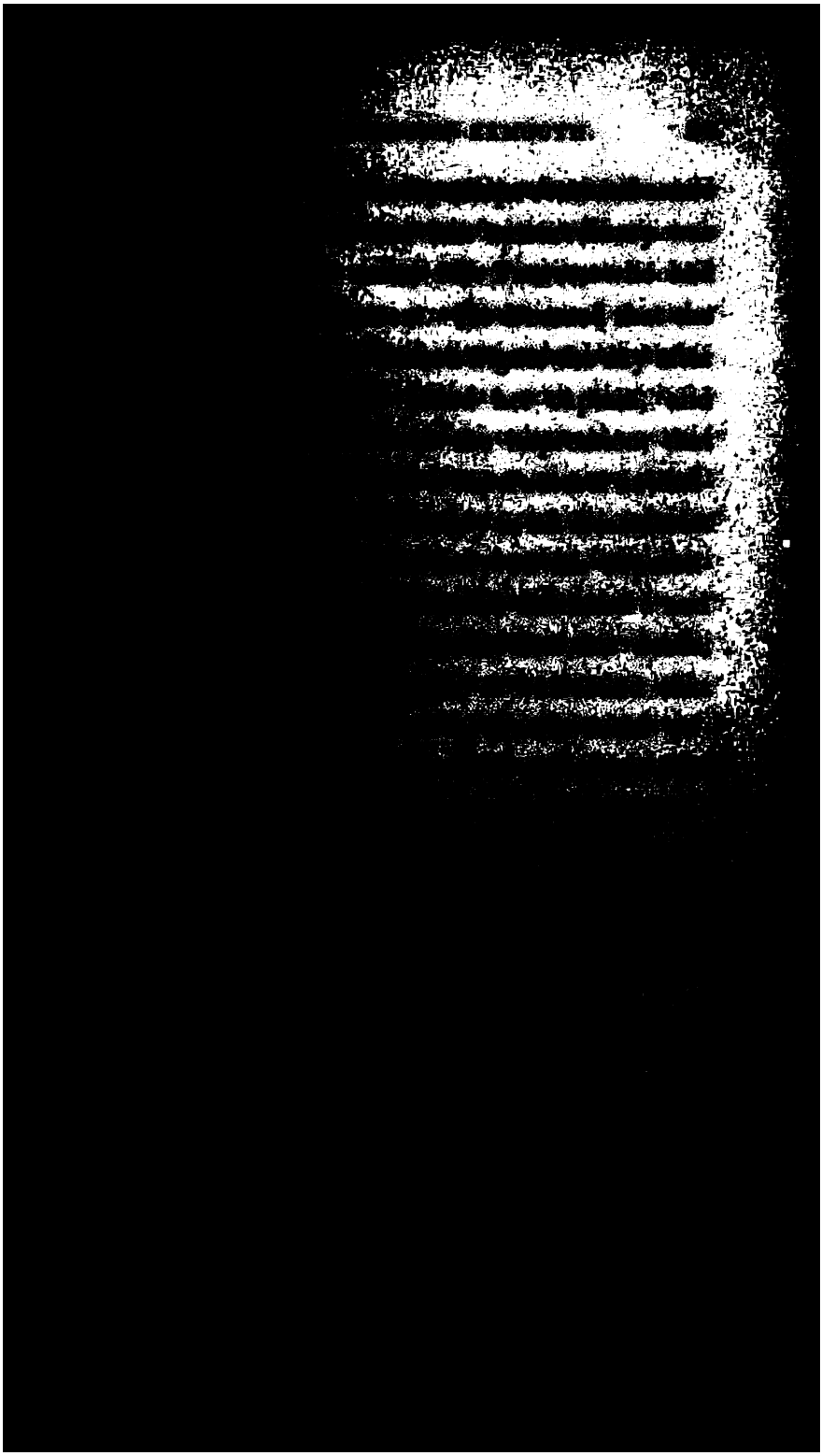

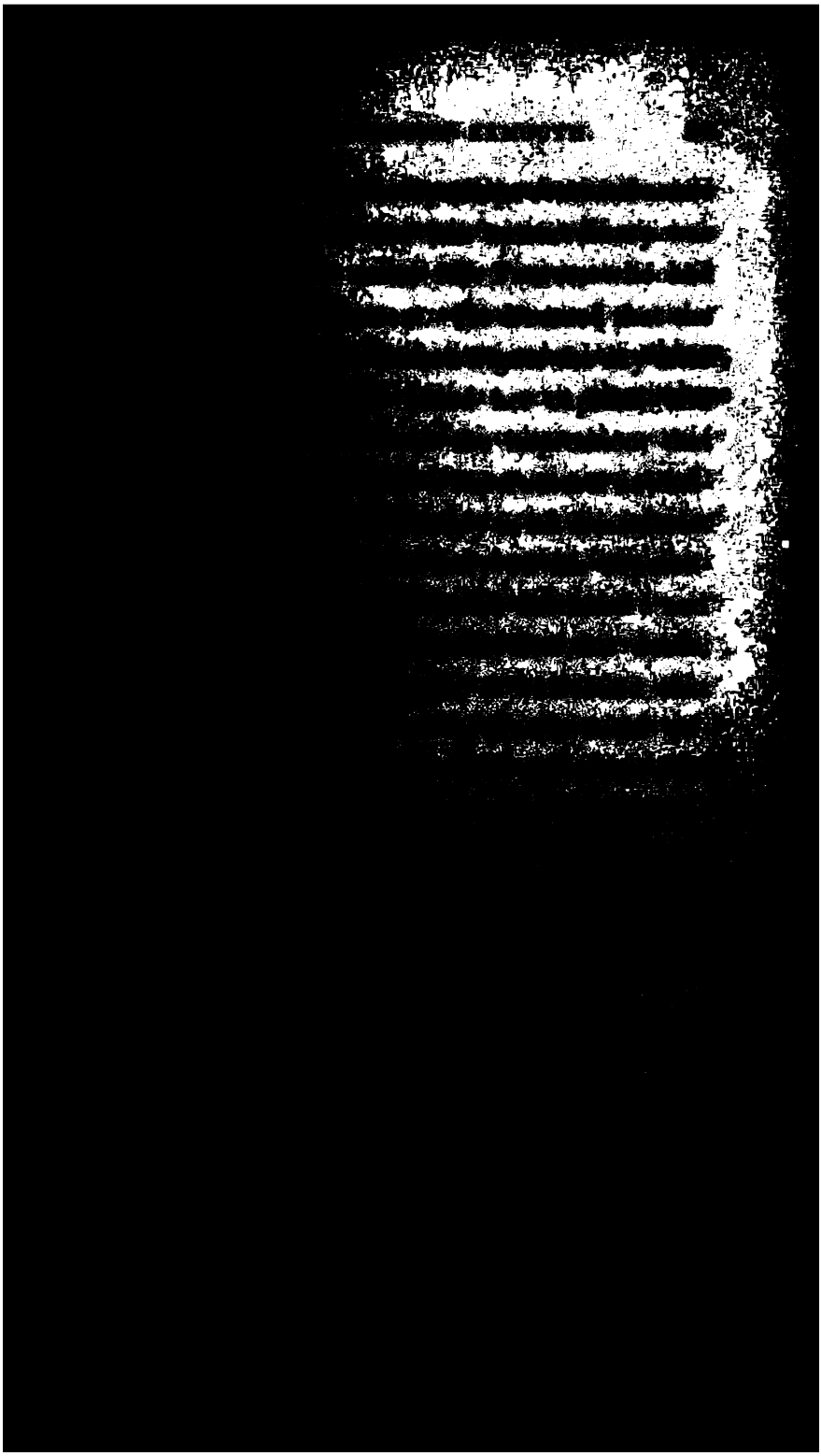

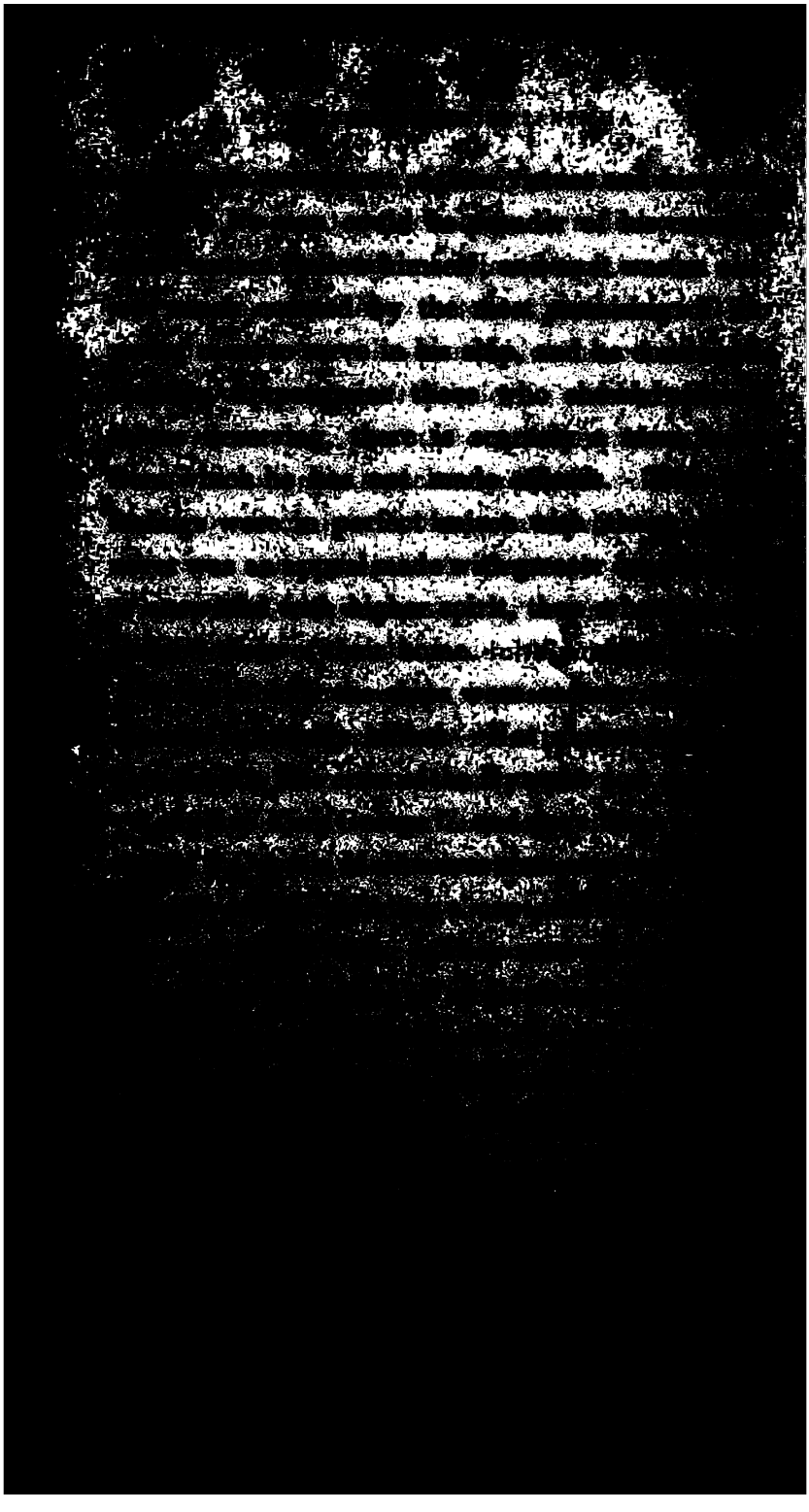

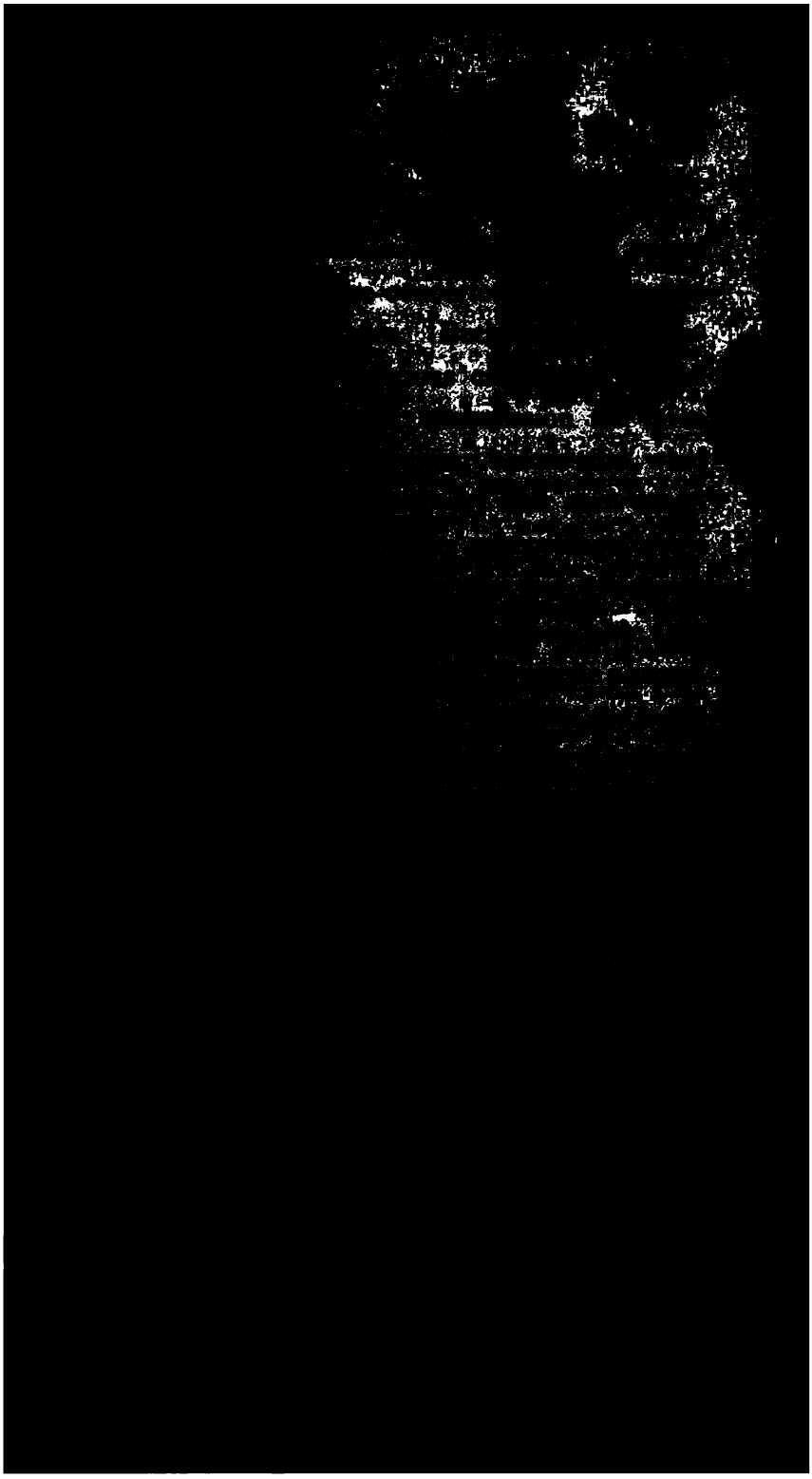

[illegible]

their consequence; and ceased [illegible]

[illegible] conflict [illegible]

[illegible]

Captain Mullen was killed. A [illegible]

struck him on the back, and carried [illegible]

part of his left hip. Even at that [illegible]

ment, he felt the importance of [illegible]

signals which he carried in his pocket [illegible]

dying agony, he took out his [illegible]

take, and expired in the act of [illegible]

unit of devoted heroism [illegible]

officer of any nation. These [illegible]

[illegible] the enemy did not [illegible]

[illegible]

of Captain Mullen [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cleopatre, [illegible] 40 guns, 28 on her [illegible] quarter-deck, some of 36 [illegible] We dished her up in fifty [illegible] struck her colours. We [illegible] I was long determined [illegible] We conversed before [illegible] God knows, [illegible]

I cannot write to poor Pennel's mother for my life—do send her a note; I really cannot—I loved him, poor fellow, and he deserved it.

"June 20, 1793."

[illegible]

[illegible] and reprimand [illegible]

[illegible] the usual promotion, [illegible]

Thomson, received a lieutenant's [illegible]

followed Sir Edward to the Archipelago [illegible]

Knights, and was made a commander [illegible]

[illegible] with the Droits de l'Homme.

Captain Hulton was buried at [illegible]

all the honours due to his gallantry [illegible]

Edward's first acts was to write a [illegible]

[illegible] to the widow; and as [illegible]

[illegible] that she was left [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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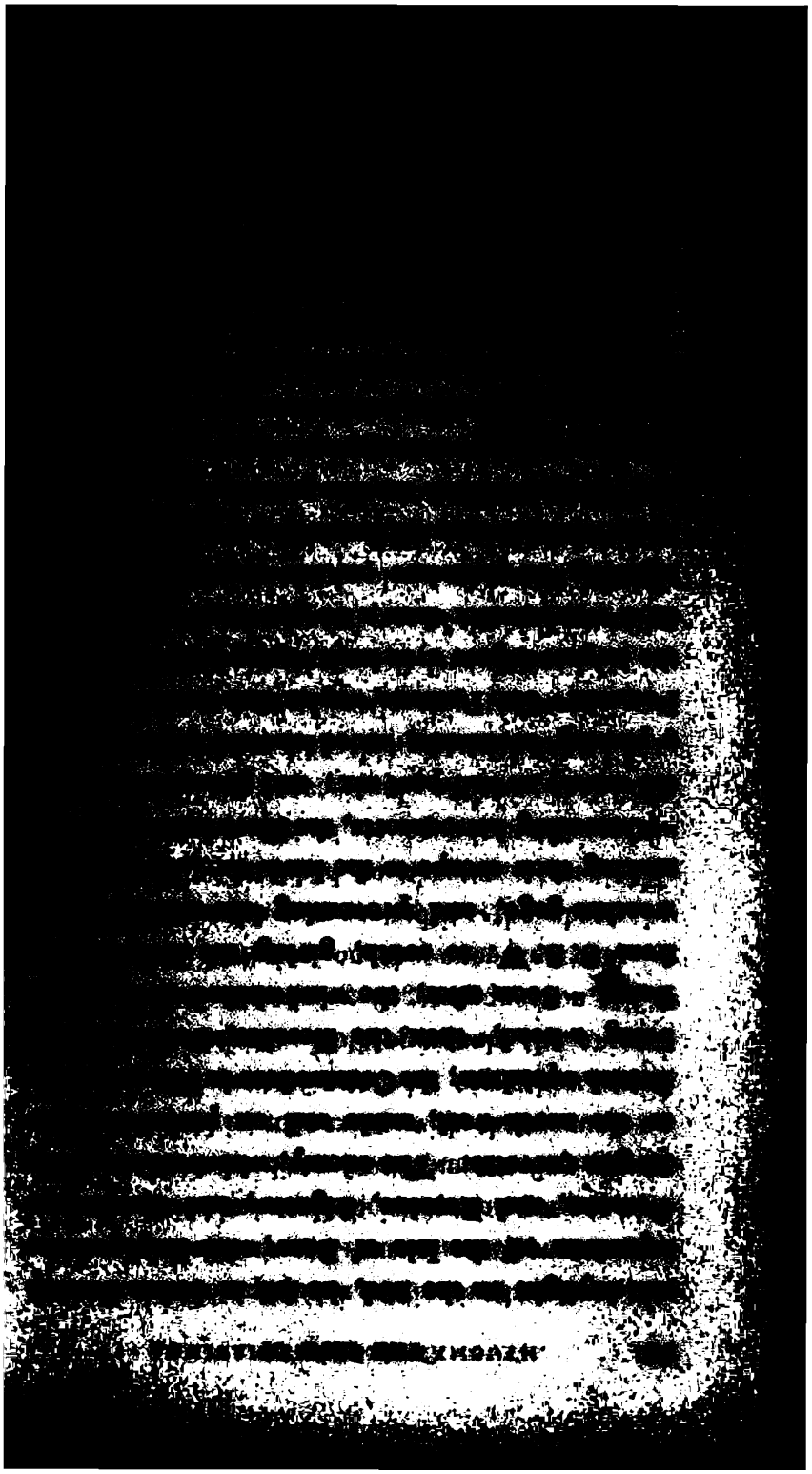


He then made signal for a general chase. Both the Flora and Arethusa were too much crippled to follow immediately, though the latter in a very short time repaired her damages sufficiently to enable her to make sail; and the Nymphe, to the great mortification of all on board, was so far a-stern from the first, that she was [illegible] with all their exertions, to take any part in the action. But the Concorde, commanded by Sir Richard Strachan, by superior sailing, [illegible] with the Resolue; when the French Commander in l'Engageante, coming to assist his [illegible] Sir Richard brought his new opponent [illegible] action, and took her. The Resolue [illegible] is remarkable that this frigate was [illegible] compelled to submit by Sir R. Strachan [illegible] ember, 1793, for resisting the [illegible]

[illegible] The First Lord of the Admi-
[illegible] dated on the third day
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a moment to acknow-
[illegible] I have received this
[illegible] and to say, that
[illegible] the same success and
[illegible] Arethusa as in the
[illegible] glad to see you while
[illegible] your leg will permit
[illegible] is only a
[illegible]
[illegible]

much to the credit of it; although the [illegible] not surpassed the confidence I should have entertained of it, if I could have been apprised of the opportunity before the action commenced.

I am much obliged by the communications which have accompanied your letter, and [illegible] with sentiments of particular esteem and [illegible]

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble [illegible]

[illegible]

On the 23d of August following, the [illegible] now consisting of six frigates, which [illegible] from Falmouth on the 7th, chased [illegible] frigate Volontaire, and the corvettes [illegible] Espion, into the Bay of Audierne, [illegible] mediately to the southward of [illegible] promontory at the south extrance [illegible] the Bec du Rau, for its northern [illegible] Point for its southern extremity [illegible] [illegible] the frigate [illegible]

[illegible] but when it was found, on [illegible] many of their wounded could [illegible] safety, Sir Edward contented [illegible] out the rest of the prisoners, [illegible] to the care of their friends [illegible] corvettes, which were [illegible] L'Espion was after- [illegible]

[illegible] was at this time very [illegible] a few months be- [illegible] which then were al- [illegible] now scarcely leave [illegible] While the fri- [illegible]

[illegible] Revolutionaire, eight or [illegible] to the westward of Ushant, the wind being off the land. The squadron gave chase, and the [illegible] took the most weatherly course, [illegible] the French captain were a seaman, the [illegible] fall to himself, for his only chance of [illegible] by carrying a press of sail to windward [illegible] of this the enemy kept away; and the [illegible] took, and brought her to action. [illegible] been closely engaged forty minutes, [illegible] came up; but Sir Sidney Smith, [illegible] rous feeling which marked his [illegible] not allow a shot to be fired, saying [illegible] had fought his ship well, and he [illegible] nish the credit of his trophy. [illegible] enemy did not immediately [illegible] that she must not be allowed [illegible]

[illegible] except the Pomone. She [illegible] shot, which the enemy [illegible] She was commissioned [illegible] early friend, Captain Francis [illegible] the squadron. It would [illegible] Sir Edward felt when [illegible] very beautiful ship, [illegible] she was to close her [illegible] his second son, at that [illegible] to pieces in 1822; [illegible] paid off by the [illegible] who had [illegible] [illegible] Sir Edward's [illegible]

[illegible] it was deemed necessary that [illegible] should communicate it in person [illegible] and send advices from the [illegible] towns on the road to the admirals at [illegible] and Portsmouth, as well as to the [illegible] at Torbay. He went off express the [illegible] noon, accompanied by the marine [illegible] Arethusa, now Colonel Sir Richard [illegible] K.C.B. Commandant of the division [illegible] at Portsmouth; and arrived in London [illegible] at that time an almost [illegible] [illegible]

The object of the French fleet in [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] blow at British [illegible] [illegible] the convoy from [illegible]

[illegible] occurred in [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] believe they would have [illegible] timely information of their [illegible] the prompt measures which [illegible] for the wind became [illegible] one of those events which [illegible] and as often in pri[illegible] consequences depend [illegible] to speak more pro[illegible] which yet is [illegible] judgment and energy [illegible] communication to [illegible] observed, that the [illegible] without delay to the [illegible]

the 2d of January, and arrived off Ushant on the following morning. The Diamond, commanded by Sir Sidney Smith, was sent a-head to reconnoitre, and the squadron followed. A [illegible] battle-ship was seen at anchor in Berthaume Bay on the evening of the 4th. The Diamond persevered in working up through the night, and at eight next morning was seen returning to the squadron.

Sir Sidney reported that he had [illegible] reconnoitred Brest at day-light, and [illegible] that the enemy's fleet was at sea. On his [illegible] he was under the necessity of passing [illegible] the French 74, but having disguised [illegible] French colours, and a bonnet rouge [illegible] he went boldly under the enemy's [illegible] hailed her in French. She [illegible] L'Orient, Le Caton, which had [illegible]

[illegible] until the end of January, when [illegible] to return to port, with the loss [illegible] having effected their principal [illegible] Falmouth, and landed des- [illegible] They afterwards continued [illegible] when they returned to [illegible] Arethusa, and joined [illegible] gun ships which [illegible] heavy frigates. One [illegible] their masts and [illegible] size of [illegible]

immediately to Lord Spencer, who, a short time before, had been placed at the head of the Admiralty. This nobleman showed every desire to meet Sir Edward's wishes, but expressed his great reluctance to involve himself in a difference with the Navy Board; and requested him to arrange the affair, if possible, himself. He accordingly attempted it; but finding no [illegible] meet his views, he at length declined [illegible] ment, saying that he would not [illegible] commanding a worthless ship. This [illegible] question to a point; and he was [illegible] the Indefatigable according [illegible] They were entirely successful [illegible] excellent sailor, and [illegible] of Sir Edward was remarkable [illegible] ing of a ship's qualities. [illegible]

[illegible] opinion in this respect. The [illegible] cruiser taken by the Revolu- [illegible] guns on a flush deck 149 feet [illegible] the service, and commis- [illegible] Hamby. She was one of the [illegible] vessels ever seen, but [illegible] was called in the navy, [illegible] saw her alongside the [illegible] pointing out to her com- [illegible] dangerous character, [illegible] guarding against it. [illegible] upon, and the Bur- [illegible] other captured sloops [illegible] Trompeger, built after [illegible]

foundered within all memory. At a much later period, when the beautiful Caledonia, the most perfect ship of her class, was about to be made the victim of an experiment, he implored, but unfortunately in vain, that she might be [illegible]

The Indefatigable sailed from [illegible] first cruise on the 2d of March; [illegible] lowing week, the squadron captured [illegible] a convoy of twenty-five [illegible] shelter among the rocks of the [illegible] the 7th of May, she had a most [illegible] from shipwreck. The [illegible] stances connected with the [illegible] told in the language of one of the [illegible]

In the summer of [illegible] when cruising off [illegible] the [illegible] Admiral Waldegrave's [illegible]

[illegible] when he suddenly heard a [illegible] if a topsail-tie had given way, [illegible] coming down. He looked [illegible] amiss, and then perceived [illegible] Mr. Bell instantly [illegible] chains, and dropped the [illegible] eighteen feet water was [illegible] ninetteen and a half [illegible] twelve and fourteen fa[illegible] consequently she [illegible] Sir Edward, [illegible] of danger was always [illegible] to have occasion [illegible]

[illegible] the evening of our [illegible] [illegible] on board a number of [illegible] relieve the crew. Early next morning, [illegible] the morning watch,) I observed [illegible] leave the pumps. It was a saint's [illegible] would not work. I ran into the [illegible] to state the circumstance; he in [illegible] out in his dressing-gown, with [illegible] chased the Portuguese round the [illegible] forecastle, made them to a [illegible] pumps, and kept them at it [illegible] sunked.

In order to ascertain whether [illegible] the ship had been injured, Sir [illegible] examine the bottom himself; and [illegible] ment and admiration of every [illegible] this heroic act, he plunged [illegible] roughly examined both sides [illegible]

[illegible] dashed her to pieces. The captain [illegible] into the gig, which was carried over [illegible] above the cutter, and ordered it to be [illegible] and though his officers urgently [illegible] from so dangerous an attempt, he [illegible] hazard it. At this moment the ship [illegible] plunge aft, the boat was stove, and [illegible] left in the water. He was much [illegible] profusely, for he was dashed violently [illegible] rudder, and his nostril was torn up by [illegible] one of the tackles. But his [illegible] possession did not forsake him, and [illegible] rope, he slung himself with one of the [illegible] was thrown to him, and cheerfully [illegible] on board to haul away. As [illegible] jolly boat, with an officer and [illegible] [illegible] from the boome, and [illegible]

[illegible] would be saved, if they [illegible] orders; that he would himself [illegible] the wreck, but that he would [illegible] who disobeyed him. His [illegible] with the calmness and energy [illegible] confidence to the despairing [illegible] with three hearty [illegible] by the multitude on [illegible]

[illegible]

action, except the modesty of him who was the hero of it. Indeed, upon all occasions, forward as he was to eulogize the merits of his followers, Sir Edward was reserved almost to a fault upon every thing connected with his own services. The only notice taken of the Dutton, in the journal of the Indefatigable, is the short sentence:—"Sent two boats to the assistance of a ship on shore in the Sound;" and in his letter to Vice-Admiral Onslow, who had hoisted his flag at Plymouth a day or two before, he throws himself almost out of sight, and ascribes the chief merit to the officer who directed the boats:—

"DEAR SIR—I hope it happened to me this afternoon to be serviceable to the unhappy sufferers on board the Dutton; and I have much satisfaction in saying, that every soul in her was taken out before I left her, except the first mate, boatswain, and third mate, who attended the hauling ropes to the shore, and they eased me on shore by the hawser. It is not possible to refrain speaking in raptures of the handsome conduct of Mr. Hemmings, the master-attendant, who, at the imminent risk of his life, saved hundreds. If I had not hurt my leg, and been otherwise much

[illegible] distinguished officer has been [illegible] Education to the navy. [illegible] March, the Indefatigable sailed [illegible] with the Revolutionaire, Argo, [illegible] On the 21st, the Inde- [illegible] to three corvettes, one of [illegible] shore, and destroyed. On [illegible] fell in with the French [illegible] way from l'Orient to [illegible] Madame [illegible] passengers, [illegible] ordered to [illegible] from the land, came [illegible] midnight, Captain [illegible]

With his official communication to the Admiralty, which accompanied Captain Cole's account of the action, he wrote a private letter to the First Lord, and another to the [illegible] Chatham. It was his practice through [illegible] to strengthen an interest for his officers [illegible] possible quarter, and it was one, [illegible] only cause, of his remarkable success [illegible] promotion for so many of them. [illegible] this occasion, though they [illegible] private friendship, are not [illegible] accustomed to write for others [illegible] upon him was that which [illegible] has to the patronage of his [illegible] lowing is the letter to Lord [illegible]

[illegible]

My Lord—I have [illegible] your Lordship, of [illegible]

this prize. It is not improper for me to say, that on all occasions I have found much reason to respect Captain Cole as a skilful and brave officer, and I rejoice in the opportunity of bearing testimony to his merit."

To the Earl of Chatham, with whom he was intimate, he wrote in a more familiar strain:

"My Dear Lord—Much as I dislike breaking in upon your time, I cannot resist the pleasure of repeating to you the good fortune of my friend, Frank Cole, who was the fortunate man among us in taking l'Unité, alias la Variante. There are few things, my Lord, that could raise my friend either in your opinion or mine; but one cannot but rejoice on finding our expectations realized.

"I am satisfied that nothing could be better conducted than Frank's ship upon this occasion, or courage more coolly displayed; a proof of which was strongly exhibited in his conversation with a vaunting Frenchman, boasting of his own strength, and threatening the vengeance of his partner. It will not be advancing too much when I say, that a ship of far superior force must have shared the same fate. The French commander complains bitterly of Cole's taking such

[illegible] his superior skill [illegible] [illegible] Revolutionaire is much improved [illegible] [illegible] was moved, and you will believe [illegible] [illegible] in good order. I have [illegible] pleasure given my testimony of [illegible] Spencer, and I doubt not but your [illegible] give him a life in the same quarter [illegible]

Captain Cole, though his career [illegible] brilliant than that of his friend [illegible] had gained most flattering [illegible] character as an officer, and [illegible] [illegible]

of brothers. He died at Plymouth in 1799. A little before his death, Sir Edward, who had just returned from a cruize, came to see him for the last time. "Now," said the expiring officer, "I shall die more happy, since I have been permitted to see once again the dearest of my friends:" and when Sir Edward at length tore himself from the room, unable to control his feelings any longer, a burst of grief, on returning to the mother and sisters of Captain Cole, prevented him for a considerable time from regaining sufficient composure to quit the affecting scene.

On the morning of the 20th of April, the frigates were lying-to off the Lizard, when a large ship was seen coming in from seaward, which tacked as soon as she perceived them, and stood off without answering the private signal. The Revolutionaire and Argo were ordered by signal to proceed to port with the prize, and the others to make all sail in chase, the wind being off the land. Towards evening, the Concorde and Amazon had been run out of sight, but the Indefatigable gained upon the chace, which made the most strenuous efforts to escape, and was manœuvred with no common ability. She was the 40-gun frigate Virginie, one of the finest and fastest vessels in the French marine, and commanded by Captain

Jacques Bergeret, a young [illegible] character and promise. The [illegible] the fleet of Villaret Joyeuse, [illegible] before, Cornwallis, with five [illegible] two frigates, effected his justly [illegible] from thirty French men-of-war, [illegible] ware of the line. On this [illegible] tacked the Mars, with a spirit [illegible] which gave full earnest of his [illegible]

Finding that the British frigate [illegible] a wind, the Virginie bore away [illegible] tigable continued to gain on [illegible] before midnight, came up [illegible] took in royals and studding [illegible] hundred and sixty-eight [illegible] The Virginie fired her [illegible] yawing to bring some of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] skill and gallantry, and [illegible] protracted action, constantly [illegible] the Indefatigable's rigging. [illegible] very narrow escape. The [illegible] shot away, and falling for- [illegible] main-yard, and came down [illegible] directly over his head. [illegible] strong enough to bear [illegible] three-quarters from the [illegible] when the Virginie's [illegible] being shot away, [illegible] went a-head. In [illegible] she had lost her [illegible]

[illegible] of the combatants during the [illegible] approach, the Virginia [illegible] hauled down her lights, and being [illegible] Cotsonda, replied, "We must [illegible] of yours [illegible] a hold!" A more brave and skilful [illegible] scarcely afforded by the annals of [illegible] the officer who thus defends [illegible] very superior force, may challenge [illegible] than would be claimed by the [illegible] [illegible] was sent from the [illegible] gallant prisoner, who was deeply [illegible] misfortune, and wept bitterly [illegible] [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible]

British Government, with a feeling most honourable to themselves, set Bergeret unconditionally at liberty. Thus do the brave and good, in challenging the respect of their enemies, contribute to soften the rigours of war, and to create a better feeling between hostile nations.

CHAPTER V.

FRANCE having at length obtained internal [illegible] and a settled government under the [illegible] and secured the alliance of Spain and [illegible] prepared for a decisive blow against [illegible] tain. The condition of the British [illegible] that time peculiarly critical. Of her [illegible] had joined the enemy, and the other [illegible] unequal to resist him. If the [illegible] powerful of the native princes were [illegible] subvert her authority. A [illegible]

[illegible] hastened to take advantage of [illegible] the summer and autumn of 1796, [illegible] was equipped at Brest, to land [illegible] of Ireland; after accom- [illegible] squadron of eight sail of the [illegible] detached to India, where its [illegible] probably encourage the hostile [illegible] and general war. Its [illegible] promising, as the armies [illegible] were officered by [illegible] that was regarded [illegible] had only to take pos- [illegible] feeling of a consider- [illegible] warranted the most [illegible]

by fatal mismanagement, the gentry, those of them who remained, were viewed as the [illegible] conquered country, by the multitude, [illegible] taught to feel themselves a degraded caste. [illegible] church became identified in their minds [illegible] that they most complained of; and the [illegible] which they suffered was doubly endured [illegible] Thus the instruments for their deliverance [illegible] firmed their thraldom, and what should [illegible] affection, aggravated their enmity. [illegible]

If there were a mistake beyond all [illegible] that of expecting peace from conquest [illegible] by violence, and calculated only to [illegible] powers to the enemies of [illegible] Lord Exmouth held a very decided [illegible] this point, and foresaw that [illegible] would become [illegible] He will know how feeble [illegible] [illegible]

a threatened rebellion, or the
Constitution, by the admission of
ment and all offices. I think
satisfy Ireland. Ascendancy is
may postpone, and by loss of
for a short space; but not
You and I may not see it,
and be obliged to meet the
we may now think:
saved from such conse-
power and grace upon

the intelligence and morals of the [illegible] the law, will in such a country give [illegible] rebellion, and impunity to crime. A [illegible] paternal in vigour as in kindness; the [illegible] firm authority, supreme over all [illegible] tain order, to leave no excuse for party [illegible] the peaceable, promptly to suppress [illegible] to the law, and to give to the [illegible] alternative between obedience and [illegible] be required not more for the safety [illegible] than for the welfare of the misguided [illegible]

When the progress of the French [illegible] engaged the attention of Europe, [illegible] country which it was regarded with [illegible] rest than in Ireland. The French [illegible] the opportunity to overturn [illegible] monarchy; and the Liberals [illegible] their own principles [illegible]

[illegible] fifteen thousand men; but [illegible] eighteen thousand was pre[illegible] by that determined republican [illegible] officer, General Hoche, who had [illegible] in suppressing the revolt [illegible] Admiral Villaret Joyeuse, [illegible] on the 1st of June, was [illegible] the fleet, but a misunder[illegible] between him and the Ge[illegible] by Vice-Admiral Morard [illegible] M. Truguet, whose [illegible] anticipated and [illegible] had intended that [illegible]

this uncertainty, a principal division [illegible] nel fleet, under Lord Bridport, [illegible] head; Sir Roger Curtis, with a [illegible] cruised to the westward; and Vice-[illegible] John Colpoys was stationed off Brest, [illegible] ten, but afterwards with thirteen [illegible] Sir Edward Pellew, with a small [illegible] latterly watched the harbour.

About the middle of November, [illegible] returned to port, and soon after, M. [illegible] from Rochefort, and entered Brest on [illegible] December. Sir E. Pellew, who [illegible] retired on his approach, immedi[illegible] frigates with despatches, the [illegible] and the Phœbe to Sir J. Colpoys [illegible] he stood in with the Indefatigable [illegible] chased by a seventy-four [illegible] tioned in Berthaume Bay, [illegible] ing the port on [illegible] [illegible]

the eastward, at times so strong, that the line-of-battle ships would be under a close-reefed main-top-sail and reefed fore-sail; and the weather was intensely cold: yet he went every morning to the mast-head, where he would remain making his observations for a considerable part of the day, one of the older midshipmen being usually with him. "Well I remember," writes one of his officers, "that on being one day relieved to go down to my dinner, I was obliged to have some of the main-top-men to help me down the rigging, I was so benumbed with the intense cold: yet the captain was there six or seven hours at a time, without complaining, or taking any refreshment."

On the 16th, the wind being from the eastward, the French fleet, forty-four ships, of which seventeen were of the line, and thirteen frigates, got finally under way, not waiting the arrival of Villeneuve. The Admiral purposed leaving Brest by the southern entrance, the Passage du Raz, between the Bec du Raz and the Saintes. By taking this course, and by so timing his departure as to clear the land just at nightfall, he hoped to elude the vigilance of the British fleet off Ushant, whose usual cruizing ground was not more than six or seven leagues to leeward. But through the delays inseparable from getting a large and

encumbered fleet to sea, it was four [illegible] all the ships were under sail; [illegible] fast closing in, and the wind [illegible] the Admiral determined not to attempt [illegible] and dangerous passage he had fixed [illegible] steer for the open entrance in front of [illegible] the Passage d'Iroise. Accordingly, he [illegible] own course, and made signal [illegible] follow; but neither was generally [illegible] the greater part of the ships, [illegible] directed, entered the Passage du [illegible] miral, therefore, sent a corvette [illegible] them, to call their attention to the [illegible] which continued to fire guns, [illegible] to mark the change in his course [illegible] it was quite dark, and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] enemy. At a quarter before [illegible] all got under way, he sent off [illegible] Admiral, and remained with [illegible] and embarrass their move- [illegible] which must have as- [illegible] though they had been [illegible] which he had watched [illegible] sail, but with studding- [illegible] if necessary, he kept as [illegible] French Admiral, often [illegible] as that officer made [illegible] them by additional [illegible] half-past eight, [illegible] coming [illegible]

England, with the uncertainty of his [illegible] safety by so small a vessel; and [illegible] Revolutionaire, which he had [illegible] morning, would not fail to meet [illegible] he gave up the hope of distinction [illegible] duty, and made sail for Falmouth [illegible] late in the evening of the 20th [illegible]

If Lord Bridport had been waiting [illegible] with discretional powers, Sir Ed[illegible] instructed to communicate directly [illegible] might have sailed early on the 21st, [illegible] enemy in Bantry Bay, where, [illegible] should have escaped him. It [illegible] remembered that as the destination [illegible] armament was unknown to the [illegible] might very properly determine [illegible] ceive his final instructions [illegible] themselves would keep the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] Paris; and the Atlas grounded. [illegible] three-deckers, and the other [illegible] 80-gun ships in the service. [illegible] of the fleet reached St. He- [illegible] kept the rest at Spithead; and [illegible] put to sea till the 3d of [illegible] enemy was then returning, [illegible] actually arrived in Brest [illegible] British sailed from Ports- [illegible] the enemy may [illegible] The explanation which [illegible] confirm, is, that he [illegible] them by his [illegible]

The Admiral thanked him, but declined [illegible] believing that the enemy's superiority [illegible] great to hope for victory. When the enemy [illegible] to see, the British fleet was eight [illegible] to the westward of their usual cruising [illegible] and thus was missed, not only by the [illegible] able, but also by the Revolutionaire [illegible] not join with the information till the [illegible] day, the Toulon ships were seen, [illegible] port; and the Admiral, having no [illegible] ing the course of the Brest fleet, [illegible] own ships being obliged to [illegible] sequence of injuries they had [illegible] gale, bore away with the [illegible] head [illegible]

Meantime, almost everything [illegible] my. The two divisions of his [illegible] separated on the evening of the [illegible] to see through [illegible] 12th, and [illegible]

[illegible] would not have materially [illegible] whose force still exceeded [illegible] had required; but that [illegible] had embarked in one of the [illegible] Fraternité; and Rear-Admiral [illegible] Gourdy, the seconds in com- [illegible] with decision while their [illegible] the other three ships in [illegible] the fleet on the 20th, but [illegible] by a fog; and a gale [illegible] her from her [illegible] the Bay, she had [illegible] when she fell in [illegible]

frigates, kept under sail; and [illegible] the night, blew them all off to sea [illegible] It blew hard, with a heavy [illegible] next day and night. On the [illegible] having moderated, it was determined [illegible] of war to land the remaining troops [illegible] and General Grouchy made a [illegible] for that purpose. A suitable [illegible] found, and the necessary prepar[illegible] pleted; but it was now late in the [illegible] the landing was necessarily [illegible] ing. That night the gale rose [illegible] and increased through the next day [illegible] At length the ships began [illegible] anchors. The Indomptable, [illegible] Resolue frigate, and [illegible] other frigates, the [illegible]

[illegible] was wrecked, and a trans-
[illegible] the bay; and a third frigate,
[illegible] driven on shore near Crook-
[illegible] determined to secure for
[illegible] of escape, leaving the
[illegible] here such a feeling could
[illegible] required for their own safety
[illegible]; and all perished but
[illegible] by the exertions of
[illegible]
[illegible] blown out of
[illegible] which had been
[illegible] of separation;
[illegible] landing, and
[illegible]

they steered for France. On the [illegible] they were very near eleven of their ships, which they would presently have joined, but [illegible] altered their course, to avoid two British [illegible] the Unicorn and Daria, which at the [illegible] actually being chased by the French [illegible] they again fell in with the frigates [illegible] morning of the 10th they were [illegible] Bridport's fleet, from which they [illegible] caped. On the 14th they entered [illegible] last of the returning ships [illegible]

Such was the fate of an [illegible] nothing was neglected which [illegible] gent, and nothing wanting which [illegible] supply; whose fortune attended [illegible] might be deemed [illegible] attended with [illegible]

[illegible] of his hope, the elements were [illegible] him. That the vigilance of [illegible] should be so eluded, and that [illegible] should prevent a fleet from [illegible] for it to do; that the [illegible] should be separated [illegible] it sailed, and afterwards [illegible] well-timed casualties, from [illegible] the fleet had actually [illegible] half should be blown [illegible] could anchor, and the [illegible] before they could [illegible] ship should [illegible] their commander [illegible]

achieved. It remains a pledge, [illegible] all dangers, she may perform her duty as a [illegible] Country, in full reliance upon God's [illegible] should the greatness of her trials [illegible] man resources, that she may [illegible] and confidence for God's deliverance [illegible]

It was Sir Edward Pellew's fortune, [illegible] been prominent in the services [illegible] sailing of this armament, to mark [illegible] by a battle, the only one fought, [illegible] gular in its circumstances, and [illegible] result. He put to sea with the [illegible] Amazon on the 22d, and supposing [illegible] have gone to the southward, [illegible] Ortugal and [illegible] On the 2d, the Amazon [illegible] topmast, and on the 11th [illegible] tigable [illegible]

[illegible] ship, the Droits de l'Homme, com-
[illegible] modore, ci-devant Baron Lacrosse,
[illegible] which had proceeded to the Shan-
[illegible] been blown out of Bantry Bay.
[illegible] ship of Rear-Admiral Bouvet,
[illegible] to a frequent practice of
[illegible] embarked in a frigate. Ge-
[illegible] commanded one of the expe-
[illegible] 1798, had taken his passage
[illegible] the had arrived within
[illegible] and as the wea-
[illegible] the stood to the south-
[illegible] to the shore,
[illegible] two large ships
[illegible]

[illegible] well to close-quarters, [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible]
returned it from some of the upper-deck [illegible]
by showers of musketry from the people, [illegible]
there were nearly a thousand [illegible]
close were the ships, that some of the [illegible]
ship's people tore away the enemy's [illegible]
became entangled in the mizen-[illegible]
Indefatigable then tried to pass [illegible]
a position on the enemy's [illegible]
battle ship avoided this, and [illegible]
[illegible], to lay the frigate [illegible]
[illegible] the Indefatigable's [illegible]
The English [illegible] engaged [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] her antagonists as well as she [illegible] attempted, but without [illegible] At half-past ten, her mizen- [illegible] when the frigates changed [illegible] attacked her on either quarter, [illegible] to fire shells. The gale [illegible] with a very heavy sea, and [illegible] the ships made the labour [illegible] On the main-deck [illegible] the men were often to the [illegible] of her guns broke their [illegible] drew the ringbolts, [illegible] was obliged to be [illegible] of the water [illegible]

[illegible] cordage was expended [illegible]
[illegible] rigging, and she had three feet water [illegible]
hold. The loss of men in both ships was [illegible]
[illegible] small. The Amazon had three killed [illegible]
fifteen badly wounded; and the [illegible]
though she had so long fought the [illegible]
single-handed, had only her first [illegible]
eighteen men wounded; twelve of [illegible]
and the two worst cases from [illegible]
enemy had suffered very much. [illegible]
guns were nearer the water than [illegible]
of battle ships, and in consequence [illegible]
[illegible] she could use them only [illegible]
this cause, as well as from the [illegible]
maintained by the frigates, and [illegible]
through the latter part of the [illegible]
[illegible] but a very [illegible]
More than a hundred [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] through the night, [illegible]
[illegible] were near the French coast,
[illegible] had [illegible] sailors to keep a good
[illegible] men thought he saw land,
[illegible] ; who, perceiving it
[illegible] to [illegible] Immo-
[illegible] embarked [illegible] board, and the
[illegible] commanded
[illegible] 1798, the Amazon, which,
[illegible] the had arrived
[illegible] the stood
[illegible]

[illegible] sprung. [illegible] Mr. [illegible], who [illegible]

[illegible] a few weeks after, [illegible]

[illegible] to the last day of his [illegible]

was master of the fleet in the [illegible]

It was he who carried the Queen Charlotte [illegible]

admirable style to her position [illegible]

None at this time knew how to [illegible]

situation. The ships were in [illegible]

[illegible] close in with the surf, with [illegible]

a heavy gale dead on the shore, [illegible]

sea rolling in. To [illegible]

been a difficult and doubtful [illegible]

[illegible]

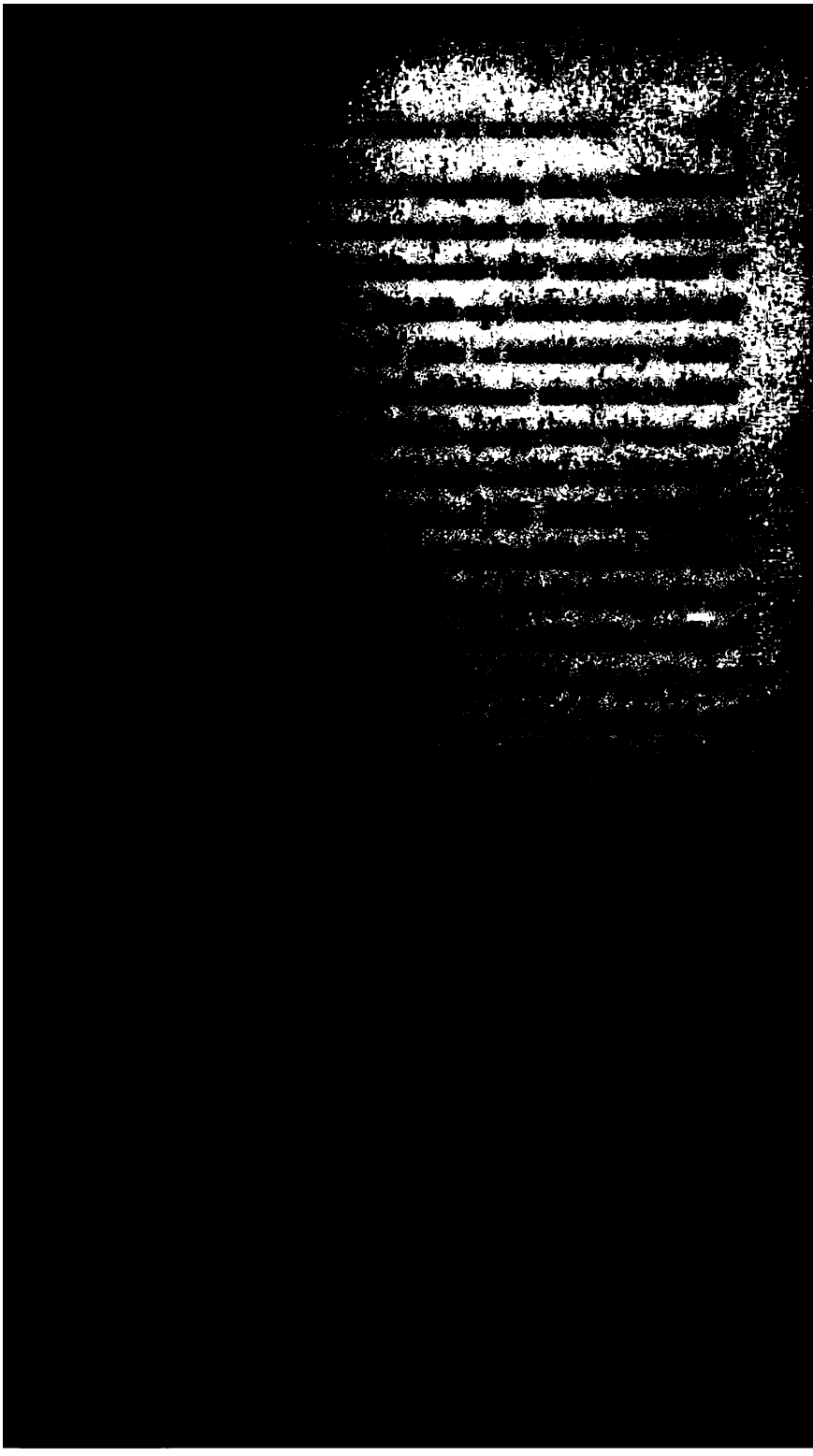
[illegible] close a-head on the weather [illegible] under the lee. Running [illegible], she passed the Droits de [illegible] broadside in the surf, at [illegible] a mile, but without the [illegible] smallest assistance. Her [illegible] almost hopeless; and [illegible] was deeply affected, [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] his gallant [illegible] [illegible] accidents [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the close of the action, [illegible]
whose damages was not at all [illegible]
other was considered to be a French [illegible]
Sir Edward gave orders to make [illegible]
But the officers represented to him [illegible]
entirely exhausted by the [illegible]
the action, and by their subsequent [illegible]
quite incapable of further [illegible]
ammunition was very short, [illegible]
filled, and every wad expended, [illegible]
frigate been alone, this would [illegible]
for much regret; for she was [illegible]
the two commanders [illegible]
of the expedition on board; [illegible]
the 74-gun ship [illegible]
The Amazon struck [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] every man of the crew.
[illegible] made prisoners, but they
[illegible] exchanged not many months
[illegible]
[illegible] of the Amazon's people in
[illegible] danger — and it is nothing
[illegible] commonly display in
[illegible] an Englishman proud
[illegible] it be forgotten, for it
[illegible] and honest pride;
[illegible] time was [illegible]
[illegible] in society!
[illegible] and excellence
[illegible] which can [illegible]

She saw the land soon after the frigates [illegible] and after hopeless attempts, [illegible] afterwards to anchor, she struck [illegible] most at the same moment as the [illegible] The main-mast went overboard [illegible] shock; the fore-mast and bowsprit [illegible] few minutes before, in her attempt [illegible] land. When danger was first seen, [illegible] an alarm to the English prisoners [illegible] there were fifty-five, the [illegible] a letter-of-marque, which the [illegible] had taken a few days before [illegible] come up quickly; we are all [illegible] the ship struck on a bank of [illegible] the town of [illegible] now heard from every [illegible] were [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] constructed to carry [illegible] the aid of which it was [illegible] night, he completed for [illegible] sailors, having [illegible] slackened [illegible] some of these [illegible] because [illegible] and deeply affected [illegible] which [illegible]



[illegible] his example, a [illegible]
[illegible] to be neglected, [illegible]
[illegible] every safe indulgence, [illegible]
[illegible] ship's company to a high
[illegible] language of an officer
[illegible] almost thirty years [illegible]
[illegible] how to manage [illegible]

for indulging in what many would consider the excusable frolics of youth; but to which he attached importance, because the rank of the party increased the influence of the example: nor could he be induced by the young man's friends to reconsider his determination. The Duke of Northumberland, who had himself known all the duties and hardships of service, could appreciate the impartial strictness of Sir Edward; and when he determined to send into the navy, first, a young man whom he patronised, and afterwards his own son, he was happy to avail himself of the services of Captain Schanck, to place them with such an officer. Acting upon the same principle, he would allow neither of them more than the usual expenses of the other midshipmen; for he said that all who entered a public service, whatever their rank, should have no indulgences beyond their companions. His sense of Sir Edward's conduct was shown in a warm friendship, which terminated only with his life.

In a few weeks after the action with the Droits de l'Homme, the mutiny broke out at Spithead, which deprived the Country for a short time of the services of the Channel Fleet. The western squadrons were now of peculiar importance, for they became, in fact, the protectors of the

commanded by General Daendels, an officer of great ability and decision. Napoleon thought very highly of him, and it was a material part of his own plan of invasion to send him with thirty thousand chosen troops to Ireland. He afterwards became Governor of Java, where he acted with an independence which awakened the jealousy of his master. Discovering this, he wrote to declare that he could hold the island against any force which France, or even England, could bring against him; but that to mark his devotedness to his Emperor, he was ready to resign his command, and serve in the French army as a corporal. He was Governor of Mons during the invasion of France by the Allied armies; and he boasted to Mr. Pellew, who spent a few days with him after the peace, that an advancing army made a considerable circuit to avoid him, and that he held the fortress unmolested until Napoleon had abdicated; when he wrote to the Allied Sovereigns, asking to whom he should resign it. An invasion of Ireland, directed by generals, such as Hoche and Daendels, and at a time when the British navy was in a state of mutiny, was an event justly to be dreaded; but all these mighty preparations were overturned more easily and quietly than the former. Every thing was ready; and

While the enemy were fitting out this armament, Sir Edward was again employed to watch the harbour of Brest; a service which he performed so much to the annoyance of the French commander, that he sent a squadron to ride at single anchor in Bertheaume bay, to prevent the frigates from reconnoitring the port. This squadron chased the Indefatigable and her consorts repeatedly, but without being able to bring them to action, or to drive them from their station. Once, however, a frigate narrowly escaped capture. The Cleopatra was becalmed close inshore, with the Indefatigable about two miles to seaward, and another frigate between them, when a light air rose, and freshened off the land. The French ships slipped, and bringing the breeze with them, neared the Cleopatra; and a frigate actually succeeded in cutting off her retreat, while a seventy-four was fast coming up. Just then, when the capture of the Cleopatra seemed inevitable, the Indefatigable made the well-known signal for a fleet, by letting fly the sheets, and firing two guns in quick succession. Ushant being on her weather bow, the enemy naturally supposed, as was intended, that the British fleet was coming up from behind the island; and putting about immediately, hastened back to their anchorage. A

but a few frigates. The conception was in the highest degree daring, but there is a faith in naval affairs which works impossibilities, and it has been generally found, that the officer who can plan a bold action, has shown himself equal to accomplish it. Relative strength is almost thrown out of calculation, by a well concerted and unexpected attack, conducted with that impetuosity which effects its object, before the enemy can avail himself of his superior force. Thus Sir Charles Brisbane, with four frigates, at Curaçoa, and Sir Christopher Cole, with a few boats' crews, at Banda, achieved, with little or no loss, what would have been justly deemed proud triumphs for a fleet of line-of-battle ships. Sir E. Pellew was never a man to commit himself rashly to what he had not well considered. "There is always uncertainty," he would say, "in naval actions, for a chance shot may place the best-managed ship in the power of an inferior opponent." Hence he would leave nothing to chance, which foresight could possibly provide for. With such a character, and with his intimate knowledge of Brest and its defences, which were almost as familiar to him as Falmouth harbour, his own confidence affords strong presumption that he would have succeeded.

approval of Sir Edward's plan was not to be expected, for he would scarcely sanction the proposal to effect with a few frigates, what it would not be thought prudent to attempt with a fleet.

The Indefatigable sailed from Torbay with a convoy, from which she parted company on the 13th of October, off the Isle of Palma. On the 25th, near Teneriffe, a large corvette chased her, supposing her to be an Indiaman, and approached very near before she discovered the mistake. She had formerly been the frigate-built sloop Hyæna, which the enemy had taken very early in the war, and cut down to a flush ship; a change which improved her sailing qualities so much, that she might perhaps have escaped from the Indefatigable, if she had not lost her fore-topmast in carrying a press of sail. It is remarkable, that in this war Sir Edward took the first ship from the enemy, and after nearly five years, recaptured the first they had taken from the British.

It was a part of Sir Edward's system, while he commanded cruising ships, to have the reefs shaken out, the studding-sail booms rigged out, and every thing ready, before day-light; that if an enemy should be near, there might be no delay in making sail. In the course of 1798, his squadron took fifteen cruisers. The circumstances

connected with one of these, de [illegible] tional corvette, taken on the 8th of [illegible] Indefatigable, after a chase of twenty [illegible] were of more than common interest [illegible] bound to Cayenne, with prisoners; [illegible] were twenty-five priests, who had [illegible] demned for their principles to perish [illegible] healthy colony. It may well be [illegible] they were at once restored to liberty [illegible] fort; nor would Sir Edward show to [illegible] der of his prize the attentions which [illegible] his situation expects, until he had [illegible] himself that the severe and [illegible] to which they had been subjected [illegible] them [illegible] together; [illegible] express orders from the [illegible] officers and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Early in the following year, the Admiralty determined to limit the period of command in frigates. In obedience to this regulation, on the 1st of March, Sir Edward, with much regret, left the ship and crew he had so long commanded, and exchanged the activity of a cruising frigate, for a service which offered little prospect of distinction. He was complimented with the Impetueux, the most beautiful, and probably the finest ship of her class; and permitted to select twenty men to follow him from the Indefatigable.

Going on board the Impetueux for the first time, he was accosted at the gangway by the boatswain:—"I am very glad, sir, that you are come to us, for you are just the captain we want. You have the finest ship in the navy, and a crew of smart sailors, but a set of the greatest scoundrels that ever went to sea." He checked him on the spot, and afterwards, sending for him to the cabin, demanded what he meant by addressing him in that manner. The boatswain, who had served with him in the Carleton on Lake Champlain, pleaded former recollections in excuse; and after submitting to the reproof with which Sir Edward thought it necessary to mark his breach of discipline, informed him that the crew were all but in a state of mutiny, and that for

months past he had slept with [illegible]
head. [illegible]
Mutinies were the natural fruit of [illegible]
which had prevailed in the navy, [illegible]
wonderful that obedience had been [illegible]
long. Every thing was supplied by [illegible]
the check upon the contractor [illegible]
very inadequate, gross abuses [illegible]
who recollect the state of the navy [illegible]
American war, can furnish a history [illegible]
now appear incredible. The [illegible]
sometimes unfit for human food [illegible]
after having been long on board [illegible]
actually offensive. The [illegible]
quality and a bad system of [illegible]
wanted by inspects, until it [illegible]
the slightest blow; and the [illegible]
perishable nature of the [illegible]
would be [illegible]
[illegible]

the courts and offices. Not even public charities could escape; and the noble establishment of Greenwich was disgraced, by placing in it superannuated servants and other landsmen, as worn-out sailors, and conferring the superior appointments, intended for deserving naval officers, upon political friends. The well-known case of Captain Baillie, who was removed and prosecuted for resisting some of these abuses, is a memorable illustration.

A gradual improvement in all the departments of the public service commenced from the time of Mr. Pitt's accession to power; and the worst of these abuses had been corrected long before 1797. Still so much remained, that the demands of the seamen, when they mutinied at Spithead, were not less due to themselves, than desirable for the general interests of the service. A moderate increase in their pay, and Greenwich pensions; provisions of a better quality; the substitution of trader's for purser's weight and measure; and an allowance of vegetables, instead of flour, with their fresh meat, when in port, were their chief claims. They did not resort to violent measures till petitions, irregular ones, it is true, had been tried in vain. They urged their demands firmly, but most respectfully; and they always declared

their intention to suspend the [illegible]
if their Country should require their [illegible]
meet the enemy at sea. But though [illegible]
were most just, and their conduct in [illegible]
spects was worthy to be much [illegible]
was a mistaken conclusion, and [illegible]
regretted, which made any concession [illegible]
Hard as the principle may appear, [illegible]
can be held to justify a breach of [illegible]
when the sailors at Spithead had [illegible]
selves in the position of offenders, [illegible]
redress ought to have been [illegible]
tional, and, if necessary, [illegible]
It was humbling the majesty of [illegible]
tiate with criminals, and [illegible]
to submit to them. [illegible]
compelled to return to [illegible]
[illegible]

that invincible as they are in a good cause, they have always shown themselves cowards in crime. A few soldiers are sufficient to disperse the largest mob. The timely decision of an officer has seldom failed to quell the most formidable mutiny. Timorous as the men are from conscious guilt, uncertain in their plans, and doubtful of the firmness of their companions, the respect involuntarily felt for the noble bearing of a man whom they have always been accustomed to obey, and who in a good cause is standing as it were alone against a multitude, gives a commander all the power he could desire. But if he would take advantage of this feeling, he must be most prompt to assert his authority. If he waver—if he allow the men once to feel their strength, and to stand committed to one another, his influence is gone. And if Government should stoop to parley with them, it sanctions their proceedings, strengthens their hands by the confession of its own weakness, and raises them from being offenders against the law, to the dignity of injured men, honourably asserting their rights. Thus, when the Lords of the Admiralty, and the first Admiral in the British navy, received on terms of courtesy criminals whose lives were forfeited, and negotiated with them as with equals; when the Government

submitted to demands which it evidently [illegible] resist; and the Parliament hastened [illegible] at the bidding of triumphant mutineers [illegible] was taught a fatal lesson. The fleet [illegible] mutinied almost immediately after [illegible] shadow of a pretext; and the idea [illegible] once become familiar, the crews of the [illegible] ships thought little of seeking redress [illegible] or fancied grievance by resisting the [illegible] their officers. Almost every ship [illegible] station mutinied in the course of [illegible] considering how naturally the [illegible] more guilty excesses; and how [illegible] characters were swept into the [illegible] the service by making it the [illegible] of crime, and corrupting it by [illegible] nothing can appear more [illegible] should at length display itself [illegible] [illegible] and proceed [illegible] [illegible]

actor. Captain Williams, of the marines, formerly lieutenant in the Arethusa, applied to his captain for authority to act, assuring him of the good disposition of his own men, and pledging himself by their means to save the ship. But his captain, though one of the bravest and best men in the service, shrank from committing the marines to a possible conflict with the sailors, and recommended a little delay. In a few minutes the marine officer returned: it was not yet too late, but not another moment could be spared. The humane feelings of the commander impelled him still to temporize, and when the marine officer returned, it was to say that his men must now save themselves, and the ship was lost. The more desperate mutiny at the Nore, was not quelled by submission.

Afterwards, when mutinies were continually occurring among the ships at Plymouth, Sir Edward proposed a very decisive measure to stop the mischief. He recommended that a ship, manned with officers, and with volunteers who could be fully trusted, should attack the next that mutinied, and if necessary, sink her in the face of the fleet. The officer who takes the first step in any measure must feel himself committed decisively to all possible consequences; but the

more display of such a resolution, [illegible] ledge that a character of unflinching [illegible] tion commanded the attacking ship, [illegible] probably spare the necessity of [illegible] Lives are commonly sacrificed only [illegible] taken humanity shrinks from duty [illegible] time for action has gone by. The [illegible] the crews was not generally bad, [illegible] misled by example, and encouraged [illegible] When the Greyhound mutinied, [illegible] Israel Pellew demanded if he had [illegible] their point of dissatisfaction, if he had [illegible] him their friend, they admitted [illegible] nothing to complain of, but said [illegible] like their friends spared them. [illegible] headed him with every mark of [illegible] declared that, after such conduct, [illegible] displeasure over him again [illegible] with the public, he should [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] presentations when mutinies [illegible] him without the smallest [illegible] Determined to maintain his [illegible], he prepared for the worst, [illegible] as he deemed would [illegible], if he should be compelled [illegible] to a personal conflict [illegible]

[illegible] on your own deck quelling [illegible] if a man hesitate to obey you, [illegible] without a word." The crew [illegible] prompt obedience, and attached to [illegible] at once returned to their duty, and the [illegible] able was soon under sail. Presently [illegible] seen pulling from the Phœbe, and [illegible] came on board in a state of great [illegible] people had mutinied! He begged [illegible] compel them to obedience, and [illegible] him, rather to sink the ship, than [illegible] carry their point. But Sir Edward [illegible] peal had been discountenanced [illegible] where a severe example might [illegible] could not employ measures of [illegible] mouth; and Captain Barlow, [illegible] men to their duty, [illegible] to be taken to the [illegible] The crew of the [illegible] [illegible] with truth [illegible]

itself out in a short time if the ship had remained at sea, for the men soon learned to respect their new commander. But when, on the 25th of April, the French fleet escaped from Brest, and sailed for the Mediterranean, the British Admiral, Lord Bridport, supposing it to have gone to Ireland, cruised for a few days off Cape Clear, and then anchored with twenty-six sail of the line in Bantry Bay. Here the bad spirits of the fleet had leisure for mischief, and facilities to communicate with one another. A general mutiny was planned, and the disgraceful distinction of setting the example was assigned to the Impetueux.

On Thursday, the 30th of May, at noon, Sir Edward, being engaged to dine with Sir Alan Gardner, had gone to dress in his cabin, leaving orders with the officer of the watch to call all hands at the usual time, one watch to clear the hause, and the other two to wash decks. When the order was given, it was obeyed by all the marines, but by scarce any of the sailors. Very shortly after, signal was made to unmoor, upon which a noise of "No—no—no," was heard from the main-hatchway, and the seamen came pressing forward in great numbers; those in the rear crying, "Go on—go on!" The first lieutenant, Ross, and Lieutenant Stokes, the

officer of the watch, demanded [illegible] matter; and after some murmuring [illegible] that there was a letter. The officer [illegible] it, that it might be given to the [illegible] cry of "No—no—no!" was [illegible] newed. Lieutenant Ross then [illegible] Stokes to inform the captain, [illegible] mutineers shouted, "One, and all [illegible] Sir Edward instantly ran out in [illegible] gown, and found between two and [illegible] on the quarter-deck. On his [illegible] clamour was increased, [illegible] "A boat—a boat!" He [illegible] matter, and was told they had [illegible] Lord Bridport, complaining of [illegible] usage. He demanded the [illegible] he would immediately [illegible] an officer [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] The marines, who had pre-
[illegible] every attempt of the conspira-
[illegible] from their duty, now dis-
[illegible] loyalty, and prompt
[illegible], in the most trying circum-
[illegible] force has always been dis-
[illegible] returned instantly, de-
[illegible] one or more of the
[illegible] but the evident irresolu-
[illegible] him the necessity
[illegible] the quarter-decks to be
[illegible] on the after part
[illegible] of the quarter-
[illegible]

given up, and the ship's company [illegible]
to their duty. [illegible]

The plot was thus entirely [illegible]
crews of the other ships, who knew [illegible]
attempt and its failure, but waited [illegible]
ple of the Impetueux, followed [illegible]
obeyed the Admiral's signal. On [illegible]
Lord Bridport, who had now [illegible]
taken by the French fleet, sent [illegible]
ner with sixteen sail, of which [illegible]
one, as a reinforcement for [illegible]
the Mediterranean. His orders [illegible]
were promptly attended to; and [illegible]
not made by any of the crew [illegible]
rity of their officers. [illegible]

The Impetueux being [illegible]
Earl St. Vincent's [illegible]
the earliest opportunity [illegible]
for a court-martial [illegible]
Sir Charles Cotton [illegible]
[illegible]

men were allowed to think that their officers feared to punish the ringleaders in such a conspiracy; and as the Earl, who was on the point of resigning the command from ill-health, appeared still reluctant, he decided the question by declaring that if the court-martial were not granted, he should immediately go on shore. Accordingly, it was held on board the Prince, in Port Mahon, on the 19th and 20th of June, when three of the ringleaders received sentence of death. One of them, after his condemnation, disclosed all the history and circumstances of the plot; and this, added to the consideration of his previous good character, to which Sir Edward had borne a strong testimony on the court-martial, made his captain think him a proper subject for mercy. But upon this point, Earl St. Vincent was inflexible. "I am glad of it," he said, when Sir Edward spoke favourably of the prisoner's former conduct; "those who have hitherto suffered had been so worthless before, that their fate was of little use as an example. I shall now convince the fleet that no character will save the man who is guilty of mutiny." May there never be a recurrence of such unhappy times as shall make it the duty of an officer to act upon this stern principle!

The circumstances were concealed from the

Country, and the rest of the fleet, [illegible]
as if the court-martial had never been [illegible]
distant and retired harbour where [illegible]
occurred; the quietness with which [illegible]
pressed; the holding of the court-[illegible]
the frequency of aggravated mutinies [illegible]
preceding two years; the magnitude [illegible]
tical occurrences at that period; [illegible]
felt at the movements of the [illegible]
bably the largest they ever had [illegible]
bered, with the Spaniards, forty [illegible]
all concurred to prevent it from [illegible]
jest of public attention. But [illegible]
appreciated Sir Edward's [illegible]
"Your brother," he once said to [illegible]
an excellent and valuable [illegible]
portant service he ever [illegible]
was saving the British fleet [illegible]
know that it was the [illegible]
and join the rebels on [illegible]
[illegible]

hardihood by his mistaken shipmates, generally excited by spirits, and sometimes even decorated with knots of ribbon, the mutineer went boldly to execution, leaving the spectators less appalled at his fate than admiring his fearless bearing. Sir Edward quickly changed this feeling when the prisoners came up to the forecastle. Addressing a few words, first to the men who had followed him from the Indefatigable, and afterwards to the rest of the crew, "Indefatigables," he said, "stand aside! not one of you shall touch the rope. But YOU, who have encouraged your shipmates to the crime by which they have forfeited their lives, it shall be your punishment to hang them!" Quailing before their commander, their false feeling was destroyed in a moment; and as there is no medium between the hardihood and the cowardice of guilt, they felt as he intended, and many of them wept aloud. Afterwards, there was not in the service a more orderly ship than the Impetueux, or a crew more pleasant to command.

Considerate as he was upon all occasions where human life was concerned, and unwilling to resort to punishment, he was always anxious to make it as impressive as possible, whenever it became necessary to inflict it. He assisted to try one of the

[illegible] of the Hermione, [illegible]
[illegible] their officers, and carried [illegible]
Spanish port. This man's crime [illegible]
with circumstances of peculiar [illegible]
was coxswain to Captain Pigott, [illegible]
him up from a boy, and treated [illegible]
kindness and confidence. Yet [illegible]
murderers, and when they broke into [illegible]
cabin, and that officer, perceiving [illegible]
called for his coxswain to protect [illegible]
with an opprobrious epithet, "[illegible]
patch you!" He had been [illegible]
captain's keys; and when the [illegible]
over, and the murderers [illegible]
with wine, he told them that [illegible]
get them better than what [illegible]
His crime was fully proved [illegible]
cleared. Sir Edward [illegible]
he executed immediately [illegible]
[illegible]

warrant of the Admiralty; but this was quickly settled by reference to the act of Parliament. The President then declared that he could not make the order. "Look here!" said he, giving to Sir Edward his hand, trembling violently, and bathed in a cold perspiration. "I see it, and I respect your feelings," replied Sir Edward, "but I am sure that such an example is wanted, and I must press the point." "Well," he replied, "if it be the *unanimous* opinion of the court, it shall be done." It was agreed to, and the prisoner was called. Though sure that he must be condemned, he entered with a bold front; but when he was informed that he would be executed in one hour, he rolled on the cabin-deck in an agony. "What! gentlemen," he exclaimed, "hang me directly? Will you not allow me a few days — a little time, to make my peace with God!" The whole fleet was appalled when the close of the court-martial was announced to them by the signal for execution; and at the end of the allotted hour, the wretched criminal was brought up to undergo his sentence.

A similar stern decision quelled in a few hours the spirit of resistance during the special commission for trying the Luddites at York, when the county was almost in a state of rebellion; and it

quisitions necessary to protect the [illegible]
men. Six of the ringleaders having been [illegible]
on the first day, the intrepid judge [illegible]
ed them all to be hung at six o'clock [illegible]
While the multitude, stunned by [illegible]
vigour, waited in trembling [illegible]
next to follow, eight were [illegible]
the second day, and [illegible]
The whole county was struck [illegible]
the judge, having thus effected [illegible]
punishment, by compelling [illegible]
fear the law, could now [illegible]
form the [illegible] effort of humane [illegible]
judge [illegible]
the helpless [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

to Brest, and from which they escaped so narrowly. She afterwards remained with the Channel fleet, under Lord Bridport and Sir Alan Gardner. On the 1st of June, 1800, Earl St. Vincent, who had assumed the command a short time before, detached Sir Edward Pellew, with seven sail of the line, and some smaller vessels, to Quiberon Bay, where they were to land five thousand troops, under General Maitland, to assist the royalists. Next day, the squadron arrived and anchored; and on the 4th, the forts on the peninsula were attacked, and silenced by the Thames, 32, with some of the small craft; and destroyed by a party of troops. Several vessels, taken at the same time, were brought off, or scuttled. Very early on the morning of the 6th, the armed launches, and a division of small craft, were sent away under Lieutenant Pilfold, of the Impetueux, which completed the destruction of the shipping in the Morbihan, bringing off six prizes, and destroying several others, among which was the Insolente, 16-gun brig. They landed at the same time about three hundred troops, who carried and dismantled a fort. The whole service was effected with the loss of two men killed on board the Thames, and one in the boats. By this time, it was placed beyond doubt

that the royalists were not strong [illegible] warrant a descent. Sir Edward [illegible] posed an immediate attack on Belleisle [illegible] had long been a very favourite [illegible] from a conviction that nothing [illegible] British to harass the enemy [illegible] than the possession of that island. [illegible] combated the doubts of the General [illegible] the point with all the energy of [illegible] Filled with the ardour so naturally [illegible] the opportunity to attempt the [illegible] of a long cherished enterprise, [illegible] will be everywhere at your [illegible] attack the place without [illegible] General who could [illegible] founded on a knowledge of [illegible] Edward had gained from [illegible] the neighbourhood [illegible]

encamped, while Sir Edward cruised with his squadron off Port Louis.

Towards the end of July, Mr. Coghlan, who had assisted Sir Edward in saving the people from the Dutton, and was now commanding the Viper cutter, tender to the Impetueux, with the rank of acting lieutenant, proposed and obtained permission to cut out a brig of war, which lay moored within the port. Accordingly, with twelve volunteers from the Impetueux, and a midshipman and six men from the Viper, in the line-of-battle ship's ten-oared cutter; a boat from the Viper, and another from the Amethyst frigate, he went away on the night of the 26th to attack a national brig of seven guns, three of them long twenty-four pounders, and with eighty-seven men on board.

The object of his attack, la Cerbère, was moored with springs on her cable, within pistol-shot of three batteries, surrounded with armed vessels, and not a mile from a seventy-four and a frigate. Notwithstanding her formidable position, and though her crew were prepared, while the boats of the Amethyst and Viper had not been able to keep up with the cutter, he pushed on with the single boat, and made a dash at the brig's quarter. In the act of springing on board, he became entangled in a trawl-net, and before he

could disengage himself, he was pierced [illegible] the thigh with a pike, and knocked [illegible] boat. Still undismayed, they boarded [illegible] further a-head, and after a desperate [illegible] her deck, carried her. Of the boat's [illegible] man was killed, and eight wounded; [illegible] six killed, and twenty wounded. The [illegible] now came up, and the prize was towed [illegible] a heavy, but ineffectual fire from the [illegible]

This very brilliant action was [illegible] peculiar notice. The squadron gave [illegible] to the captors; Earl St. Vincent [illegible] Coghlan with a sword; and, a [illegible] tinction, he was immediately made [illegible] by an order in council, though by [illegible] of the service, he had still [illegible] half before he would be entitled [illegible]

A few days after, Sir J. B. [illegible] small squadron and a [illegible] having [illegible] the [illegible]

silenced a fort of eight twenty-four pounders by the fire of the Impetueux, assisted by the Brilliant, 28-gun frigate, Cynthia sloop of war, and St. Vincent gun-boat; and landed the whole army the same evening, without losing a man. Sixteen field-pieces were landed at the same time, and the sailors got them, with the scaling ladders, to the heights above Ferrol.

A slight skirmish took place on the first advance of the troops, and a sharper one next morning; but the enemy were effectually driven back, and the heights which command the town and harbour of Ferrol gained, with the loss in all of sixteen men killed, and five officers and sixty-three men wounded. Six sail of the line, two of them large first-rates, were in the harbour. Sir James now resolved to abandon the enterprise. Sir Edward entreated that he might be allowed to lead on with his sailors, for he was confident that the town would yield. But Sir James, differently estimating the difficulties, and believing that the place could not be taken without a delay and loss which might interfere with the more important ulterior objects of the expedition, did not think himself justified in advancing, and the troops and guns were all re-embarked without loss the same night. It was

afterwards ascertained that the garrison, despairing of effectual resistance, were prepared to surrender the keys.

The squadron escorted the transports to Malta, to join a force already assembled there, with which, under the command of [illegible], and protected by the fleet of Lord [illegible], proceeded to Egypt.

CHAPTER VII.

THE Impetueux remained with the Channel fleet until she was paid off at the end of the war, when Sir Edward was allowed a short repose. He passed it chiefly in the quiet of domestic retirement at Trefusis, a seat belonging to Lord Clinton, which occupies the promontory between the two principal branches of Falmouth harbour, and adjoins the little town of Flushing, where his grandfather had lived. Here, in the bosom of his family, and with many of his companions and friends in the service around him, he enjoyed his first period of relaxation from the beginning of the revolutionary war.

Early in 1801, there was a naval promotion, which left him nearly at the head of the post list; and he was shortly after made a Colonel of Marines. His popularity was now very great, for the credit gained by his first action was increased by every future success, until there was scarcely

an officer whose name was more [illegible]
sounded through the Country. That [illegible]
sonate jealousy was only to be expected; [illegible]
always the hardest trial of liberality to [illegible]
the superior fortunes of a competitor. [illegible]
tending that he enjoyed a reputation [illegible]
deserts, would [illegible] his services, [illegible]
said, any other officer with the same [illegible]
have performed as well. But [illegible]
may afford an occasional [illegible]
fortune, never gives a lasting [illegible]
distinction. Sir Edward displayed [illegible]
merit, though all his genius of [illegible]
in the Hospital, obtained the [illegible]
ship he contended. He in [illegible]
dated merit, he showed that he [illegible]
friends until he had made [illegible]
their majesty, and [illegible]
and laughing [illegible]
[illegible]

acknowledgment, he referred to his own history, as a proof that no officer, however unsupported by influence, need despair of receiving his due reward from the justice and gratitude of his Country. "I have never known," he said, "what fortune meant. I never chose my station, and never had a friend but the King's pennant; but I have always gone where I was sent, and done what I was ordered; and he who will act upon the same principles, may do as I have done."

At the general election in 1802, he was solicited to stand for Barnstaple; for which, after a severe contest, he was returned on the 8th of July, by a very large majority. His correspondence at this period shows that he was very early wearied with the employment. Nor was he better satisfied when he had gained an insight into the nature of a parliamentary life. Indeed, a naval officer of reputation will seldom promote his comfort by going into parliament; where his inactivity will present an unfavourable contrast to his professional character, or his prominence may expose him to the virulence of party. Yet the experience thus obtained was not without value to a man who was from this time to be employed as a commander-in-chief, with a greater share of political responsibility than usually attaches to a naval command.

[illegible] to estimate [illegible]
[illegible] political friendship [illegible]
party intrigue. [illegible] he had [illegible]
[illegible] which professional employ[illegible]
[illegible] calculated to teach, he [illegible]
[illegible] parliament [illegible] a character [illegible]
high character, and truly English [illegible]
Pitt had united very different [illegible]
him in carrying on a just and [illegible]
when the bond which he had [illegible]
was removed by his going out [illegible]
had deprived them of their [illegible]
principle of opposition [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

strengthened this conviction; and when the peace, or rather armed truce, of Amiens was evidently drawing to a close, he said in one of his letters, "Pitt *must* now be the minister." He gave a general support to the government in the very small part which he took in the business of the House, but he availed himself of the earliest opportunity to escape from it; and on the very day when the King's message was delivered, which indicated the renewal of hostilities, he solicited and obtained employment.

On the 11th of March, 1803, he was appointed to the eighty-gun ship Tonnant, in which, after some delay, occasioned by the general difficulty of procuring men, he joined the Channel fleet. Anxious to take part in the important naval operations to be expected, he wished to sail with Nelson, whose reputation gave a just presage that the most decisive blow would be struck where he commanded; but after he had been appointed to a station, his sense of naval obedience forbad any attempt to change it. With that care for the improvement of his young officers which was always such a prominent feature of his conduct, he advertised for a superior schoolmaster for the Tonnant, to whom he offered 50*l.* per annum, in addition to his pay, that he might obtain for them

better instruction than the regulations [illegible] vice would afford.

Early in the summer he was detached [illegible] Channel fleet, with the Mars and Spartiate [illegible] his orders, to intercept or blockade [illegible] squadron which had put into the [illegible] Ferrol, on their passage to India. [illegible] had proceeded on their voyage the day [illegible] arrived, and he followed under a press [illegible] far as Madeira. They were the ship [illegible] afterwards destroyed at Grissee [illegible] a French squadron of five sail of the [illegible] at Corunna from St. Domingo, and [illegible] tage of the first westerly gale to [illegible] Ferrol. Here they were blockaded [illegible] ward, whose force was [illegible] afterwards to eight sail of the [illegible]

On the 2d of September [illegible] ely gale, with [illegible] ships from St. Domingo [illegible]

command, and maintained a very close blockade, at considerable risk, by night and day. He constantly expected a French force from Brest, and often remarked to his officers, that they would have to fight both squadrons at once. Under such circumstances, every precaution was required; and though unwilling to interfere with the men's rest, yet to prevent surprise, he thought it necessary to keep them at quarters all night, and pipe down the hammocks in the morning.

As the season advanced, the weather became so tempestuous, that the squadron was often driven off the land for many days together, and only occasionally fetched near Ferrol. Sir Edward became anxious therefore to find an anchorage in the neighbourhood, where the fleet could ride out a gale, and obtain necessary supplies. He first examined a bay near Cape Ortugal, but this was too distant. He then went in a cutter into the Bay of Betancos, between Ferrol and Corunna, on the eastern side of which, in a bay called Ares, he considered, contrary to the opinion of the celebrated Spanish hydrographer Tofino, that the anchorage was safe, and the ground good. The correctness of his judgment was proved by the number of heavy gales which the squadron rode out through the winter. The place much

resembles Cawsand Bay, and a windmill [illegible] the adjacent height, from which the [illegible] of Ferrol could be seen as distinctly as [illegible] from Maker Tower. In this mill, the [illegible] French officers on the look-out [illegible] long as the wind was westerly, [illegible] remained here; but when it shifted [illegible] ward, which was fair to leave Ferrol, [illegible] anchored his ships across the entrance [illegible] bour.

Owing to the prevalence of westerly [illegible] supplies from England were totally [illegible] the wants of the squadron; and it [illegible] possible to procure them on the spot [illegible] ally a few live cattle were [illegible] bringing them were driven back [illegible] the beasts were almost dead [illegible] found; but it was not [illegible] the depth of winter [illegible] Spanbrole were very [illegible]

confidence became established, cattle and other necessaries were purchased forty miles in the interior. In the performance of his arduous service, Mr. Fitzgerald was twice attempted to be assassinated; and he escaped, only by killing the assailant upon one occasion, and by wounding some of the party on the other. Sir Edward was thus enabled to maintain an effectual blockade all the winter. He always expected an attack from Brest, which perhaps might have been attempted if the enemy had known his real strength; but his frequent exchanges with the Channel fleet deceived the French Admiral into a belief that a force was cruising in the neighbourhood, of which the ships he saw were only the in-shore division. Early in the year ships arrived from England with supplies, and every difficulty had been removed, when political events at home led to his recall.

While the general wishes and confidence of the Country were directed to Mr. Pitt, as the only minister to carry on the war with proper energy, the chief support of the Government was the reputation and decisive character of Earl St. Vincent, First Lord of the Admiralty; whose ability as a great commander was even surpassed by his consummate skill as a politician. But the Earl was now suffering the common fate of a

practical reformer, to be opposed by the [illegible] of a former system, and distrusted by [illegible] could not appreciate his innovations. [illegible] acquainted with his own service, he had [illegible] every where, and especially into the [illegible] bold and unsparing reform, which [illegible] could evade, and which was felt the [illegible] being coincident with the reductions [illegible] All who were thus cut off, and [illegible] emoluments he curtailed, naturally [illegible] to him; and the inconvenience [illegible] same degree by a change, and which [illegible] direct interest of so many to aggrav[illegible] too favourable opportunities for the [illegible] misrepresent, and the candid to [illegible] him. In abolishing the practice of [illegible] of battle ships in private yards, [illegible] which all subsequent [illegible] wisdom; but it [illegible] and most powerful [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] arm of the Country. Under [illegible], Sir Edward Pellew was re[illegible] that the Admiralty might con[illegible] these disputed questions. [illegible] flattering to him, or indeed [illegible] both parties, than this confi[illegible] never been much cordiality [illegible] and Sir Edward, who [illegible] personally an admirer of [illegible] to every one that the [illegible] But the Earl was too [illegible] measures to fear [illegible] and he too [illegible]

that relating to the gun-boats, which [illegible] frequently discussed with a popular [illegible] mander, now living, who contended [illegible] might be made effective against a [illegible] ship. Sir Edward would always say [illegible] choose to be in the line of battle ship [illegible] day he went to the house, he observed [illegible] to his brother that he now quite [illegible] he had been recalled from Ferrol [illegible]

On the 15th of March, Mr. Pitt [illegible] his motions. He contended, that [illegible] enemy had made the most formidable [illegible] for an invasion, which would [illegible] tempted within a very few weeks [illegible] force of the navy, from line of [illegible] to hired armed vessels, [illegible] rior, and less adequate to [illegible] danger, than at any [illegible] standing it was [illegible]

[illegible] contract in private yards. Two [illegible] he said, had been thus built; [illegible] all the strength of the King's [illegible] for repairing ships, and build- [illegible] suspended in them almost [illegible] the last war, of twenty-nine [illegible] twenty-seven had been built [illegible] while in the present, only [illegible] for, although fourteen [illegible] building them were then un- [illegible] He contended, finally, that [illegible] very [illegible], and unsuc- [illegible] In the war [illegible] 16,000 seamen and [illegible]

employed:—for a copy of the contracts [illegible] the orders given by the Admiralty, in [illegible] and 1803, with respect to the number [illegible] vessels to be built:—for a list of ship[illegible] the King's yards for 1793, and 1801; [illegible] should be thought that any intelligence [illegible] head might be a channel of improper [illegible] to the enemy, he would abstain from [illegible] for he was aware that there would still [illegible] sufficiently strong to convince the [illegible] was the preferable plan to construct [illegible] the merchants' yards:—and finally, [illegible] lar list of vessels built by contract [illegible] yards.

Mr. Tierney, who led the debate [illegible] would agree only to the first and [illegible] and he moved an amendment [illegible] it should include all other transports [illegible] employed in the public service [illegible] Pitt's assertions, and [illegible] [illegible]

;reat variety of service. We had 1536 vessels ıployed; of which 511 included the force from e-of-battle ships to hired armed vessels; and 4 were a flotilla completely equipped, and ıdy for immediate service; besides 9 block-ıps supplied by the Trinity House, 19 ships nished by the East India Company, and 373 hters, and small craft, fitted in the King's rds. Of 100,000 seamen and marines voted by ırliament, 98,174 had been raised, besides ,000 sea-fencibles; and this, although the lunteer force of the Country was 450,000. He ·ongly condemned the practice of building ships merchants' yards. He alluded to the Ajax, hich had been thus built. She had cost 1,000, and the bargain was thought a good ıe, yet in three years she required a further m of £17,000 to fit her for service.

Two parties in the house supported the mo-ɔns; Admiral Berkeley, Mr. Wilberforce, and hers, because they agreed with Mr. Pitt in ɔndemning the measures of the Admiralty; Mr. ɔx and his friends, because they considered that ı inquiry would redound most highly to the edit of Earl St. Vincent. They contended that linisters opposed it, only to screen their noto-ous incapacity under the shelter of his great

name. On the other hand, Admiral Sir [illegible] Pole, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Addington, [illegible] Markham, and others, supported Mr. [illegible] and confirmed all his statements. Nothing [illegible] was said, could afford a stronger proof [illegible] enormous were the abuses which Earl St. [illegible] had exposed and corrected, than the [illegible] Mr. Pitt and his friends, that men of [illegible] not be built in the King's yards, although [illegible] men were employed in them; and it [illegible] that forty-five shipwrights could build [illegible] four in a year. Four hundred of [illegible] charged had been receiving six shillings [illegible] for doing nothing. Blockmakers' [illegible] work, for which £2000 had been paid, [illegible] upon a survey to be worth only [illegible] gun-boats alluded to, which [illegible] tract in the last war, [illegible] eighty-seven out of a hundred [illegible] been sold by public [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] twenty-three gun-vessels ordered [illegible], it was because no dependence [illegible] that description of force. It [illegible] meet the enemy with the in- [illegible] which necessity obliged him to [illegible] possessed a more powerful arm [illegible] of war and frigates. The depth [illegible] these to act close to our [illegible] the enemy's flotilla should [illegible] Markham, Sir Edward Pel- [illegible] or any officer known [illegible] with a single seventy- [illegible] crowd of their [illegible]

a vital question, and at such a crisis, ... or party feeling should intrude; and he ... self called upon to support the Admiralty ... more than a silent vote, because he ... proved their measures, which no man ... understand. He rose fifth in the de... spoke as follows:—

"Sir—As I very seldom trouble the ... hope I may be permitted to make a few ... tions on a subject, of which, from the ... experience I have had, I may be ... have some knowledge. From the de... night, there is one piece of inform... acquired; that the French have ... a thousand vessels in Boulogne ... find they are shut up there ... tage in it; we know where they ... had any means of knowing ... came out. I know this ...

hensions of even the most timid among us. On the contrary, I see everything that may be expected from activity and perseverance to inspire us with confidence. I see a triple naval bulwark, composed of one fleet acting on the enemy's coast; of another, consisting of heavier ships, stationed in the Downs, and ready to act at a moment's notice; and of a third, close to the beach, capable of destroying any part of the enemy's flotilla that should escape the vigilance of the other two branches of our defence.

"In respect to what has been said of building ships by contract, I must confess that I do not much admire that mode of keeping up our navy. I have seen some of them, I particularly allude to the Ajax, and Achilles, that I took for Frenchmen.

"As to these gun-boats, which have been so strongly recommended, this musquito fleet, they are the most contemptible force that can be employed. Gun-brigs, indeed, are of some use; but between a gun-brig, and a gun-boat, there is almost as much difference as between a line-of-battle ship, and a frigate. I have lately seen half a dozen of them lying wrecked on the rocks.

"As to the probability of the enemy being able, in a narrow sea, to pass through our blockading and protecting squadrons, with all that

[illegible] and dexterity, and by the [illegible] that some worthy people expect [illegible] anything that I have seen in the [illegible] [illegible] career, am not disposed [illegible] I know, sir, and our most [illegible] this new navy was never better [illegible] [illegible] never better supplied [illegible] men were never better fed, said [illegible] Have I? but all the [illegible] from Texel to Flushing [illegible] cope anywhere with any [illegible] [illegible] but against [illegible] outnumber them at every [illegible] have blockaded [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible]

He was highly complimented by several who followed him in the debate, particularly by Mr. Addington, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Courtenay; as well as by other members out of the house. Twenty who had come down intending to vote for Mr. Pitt's motions, were induced to support the Admiralty, confessedly by Sir Edward's statements. But it is, perhaps, the most decisive proof of the effect of his speech, that Mr. Pitt himself referred to it in a debate on the defence of the Country six weeks after. At the same time he disavowed the gun-boats, and contended for "good stout gun-brigs;" declaring that he had observed with much satisfaction the efforts which had lately been made to increase that description of force.

Mr. Addington resigned on the 12th of May; with Earl St. Vincent; Mr. Yorke, the Home Secretary; and Lord Hobart, Secretary at War. They were succeeded by Mr. Pitt, and Lords Melville, Harrowby, and Camden.

On the 23d of April, there was a naval promotion, in which the senior captains, including Sir Edward Pellew, were advanced to be Rear-Admirals of the White, passing over the intermediate step. This favour was probably considered due to them, for they had served considerably

beyond the time which had hitherto [illegible] his flag, the former promotion [illegible] a small one, and the interval much [illegible] [illegible]

Sir Edward received with his [illegible] appointment to be commander-in-chief [illegible] He hoisted his flag in the Culloden, [illegible] Captain Christopher Cole, the [illegible] of his deceased friend, and who had [illegible] midshipman under his orders, by [illegible] his captain.*

* Appendix, F.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE arduous charge of a commander-in-chief requires more than great decision, and a judgment matured by experience. It claims also a mind naturally comprehensive, that it may be equal to great and complicated responsibilities. He has other, and not less important duties than to harass the enemy. He is to protect the commerce of his Country; to make his influence so felt over every part of his station, that merit may be encouraged, and negligence effectually controlled; to provide in all respects for the efficiency of his fleet; and to act with the full powers of an ambassador, wherever there is no accredited minister. In addition to these more obvious duties, occasions will continually arise which demand the utmost temper and discretion. If the secret history of the greatest, and most popular

commanders were fully made known; what difficulties they contended with, and what [illegible] they endured, not many would be found [illegible] them their distinctions.

The change in the Ministry, which [illegible] within three weeks after Sir Edward's [illegible] and appointment, subjected him, in [illegible] quences, to many and great inconvenience[illegible] the new Board of Admiralty manifested [illegible] edly hostile feeling. Such was the [illegible] played, that he thought it necessary [illegible] his brother Israel to observe the [illegible] spection in all his conduct, and [illegible] sleep out of his ship. The evident [illegible] prive him of his command, left him [illegible] expectation that he would be allowed [illegible] and in his first letter from India [illegible] "Probably my successor is already [illegible] to supersede me." He [illegible]

The most valuable [illegible]

officer whose reputation must endure as long as the name and services of Nelson are remembered; and whose unquestioned merit affords every cause to regret that he was innocently made the instrument of such a proceeding. He hoisted his flag in the Blenheim, and sailed from England in the spring of 1805, with a fleet of Indiamen under his convoy; and after beating off Rear-Admiral Linois, who attacked him with the Marengo and Belle Poule, reached India in August.

When Sir Thomas went on board the Culloden, on his unwelcome, but not unexpected errand, Sir Edward inquired if he had brought his own letters of recall. Finding that the Admiralty had overlooked the essential step of sending them, he declared that until they arrived he could not resign any part of his command. He was charged with it by the King, and was required by the regulations of the service to hold it until recalled by the same authority. Sir Thomas thought that a commission was cancelled by a posterior one, without a direct recall; but Sir Edward, who was equalled by very few in his knowledge of naval law, found it easy to convince him to the contrary, or at least to refute his arguments. He told Sir Thomas that if he remained in India, it must be under his own orders, for his commission

[illegible]

meet an officer, whose character stood deservedly among the highest in the service, the trusted friend, and almost the other self, of Nelson. Acting with the utmost disinterestedness, though he could only expect to be superseded, for a public board will seldom confess itself to have been in error, he did not hesitate, as soon as his own authority had been properly admitted, to give Sir Thomas a separate squadron in the best part of the station. It proved a most lucrative command, for in addition to its general advantages, some prizes of immense value were taken. On the 26th of July, 1806, the Greyhound frigate, and Harrier sloop of war, fell in with two large armed Indiamen, richly laden with spices, and protected by a frigate and a corvette. The British gallantly attacked them, and captured, with little loss, the frigate, and both the Indiamen. To add to the gratification of the Admiral, it was his son, Captain Troubridge, who commanded the Harrier.

Sir Edward, as far as he was himself concerned, had eventually little reason for regret. The position of true dignity, to be always ready to sacrifice personal feelings, and to surrender, when necessary, personal interests, but never to compromise any point of principle, or character, is

generally the course not less [illegible]
honour. He obtained on this [illegible]
desire, and more than he had [illegible]
inquiry. Before his letter reached [illegible]
had been a change in the Ministry [illegible]
was at the head of the Admiralty [illegible]
he more honourable than all his [illegible]
at first believed that Sir Edward [illegible]
an illegal and unprecedented [illegible]
that authority, which, as an officer, [illegible]
implicitly to obey. Yet, [illegible]
[illegible] hastily, Mr. Grey himself, [illegible]
[illegible] as Sir [illegible]
that [illegible] would allow [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Sir Edward [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

professional prospects would be entirely destroyed if the board took cognizance of it; and that extraordinary lenity was shown in allowing him to recall it. A letter was accordingly written; but before a ship sailed, Mr. Grey came a second time to the Duke, and told him he had found, upon inquiry, that Sir Edward Pellew was right. He did more; for he wrote to Sir Edward himself a very kind and handsome letter; and though opposed to him in political opinions, while Sir Thomas Troubridge was connected with his own friends, he recalled this officer, whom he appointed to the Cape, and continued to Sir Edward, as at first, the entire command in India.

Sir Thomas had with great reason assured himself of a different result. The Blenheim was at this time, in the opinion of many, unseaworthy, and required constant pumping, even in harbour. She had grounded on a shoal in the Straits of Malacca, and was obliged to throw her guns overboard, and cut away the masts before she could be got off. Her frame was shaken almost to pieces, and she hogged excessively. In this state, Sir Thomas determined to cross the Indian Ocean with her to the Cape. His captain reported her condition. Sir Edward Pellew intreated him to select any other ship on the station

for his flag, and allow the
to Bombay to be docked,
placing a fatal reliance upon a
scouring her, would listen to no
commodation. On the 12th of
be sailed from Madras, in company
a frigate lately taken from the
into the service, and the
On the 5th of February, the
pany off the island of Rodrig
gale, in which the unfortun
Java were seen to make
trees. They were never again
The possibility that the
on shore, induced Sir

peace in the merchant service, with the Psyché, formerly a small national frigate. When hostilities were renewed, he armed her with thirty-six guns, and sent her out in charge of another officer, Captain Trogoff, not choosing to command a privateer. In her first cruise, on the 11th of April, 1804, she attacked, and was beaten off by the Wilhelmina store-ship, Captain Henry Lambert, and returning to the Isle of France, disabled, General Decaen, the governor, bought her into the national marine, and appointed Bergeret to command her. He cruised in the Bay of Bengal for a short time with much success, while his very liberal conduct obtained for him the highest respect of the British residents. Fortune was again unjust to him. On the 14th of February, 1805, the San Fiorenzo, commanded by Captain Lambert, late of the Wilhelmina, and which had been sent expressly in pursuit of him, fell in with the Psyché off Vizagapatam, and after a chase of two days brought her to action. Bergeret defended his ship against a very superior force for three hours and a half, when the San Fiorenzo hauled off to repair her rigging, leaving him with his ship entirely disabled, and more than half his crew killed and wounded. On the approach of the British frigate to renew the action, he surrendered.

Sir Edward was a warm admirer of [illegible] prisoner, whose character so much [illegible] his own, and who returned his [illegible] equal warmth and sincerity. There is [illegible] such a scene on board a man-of-war [illegible] when the two officers first met on the [illegible] deck of the Culloden. Both were deeply [illegible] and the struggle of their feelings, [illegible] under such circumstances, drew tears [illegible] who witnessed the interview.

Sir Edward was not always so happy [illegible] with enemies thus deserving of his [illegible] French frigate, the Piedmontaise, [illegible] conduct which would have disgra[illegible] Cruising off the Cape, on the [illegible] 1806, she fell in with the [illegible] of the China fleet which [illegible] gallantly beat off the [illegible] and after a very long [illegible]

of whom, like their leader, were intoxicated, rushed on the deck of the Indiaman with horrid imprecations and drawn daggers, accusing the prisoners of having run foul of the frigate intentionally. The lieutenant himself wounded Captain Larkins dangerously, and stabbed a young midshipman in several places; and the second officer, the surgeon, and a boatswain's mate, were wounded by his followers. Sir Edward did not become acquainted with these facts for two years, as Captain Larkins and his crew could not depose to them until they reached St. Helena, after they had been liberated from the Isle of France. The Piedmontaise was then cruising in the Indian seas, and Sir Edward transmitted copies of the depositions to every ship on the station, with a general order, in which "the attention of the respective captains and commanders of H. M. squadron is especially called to the statement, in order that the ferocious conduct of the first lieutenant, and part of the crew of the Piedmontaise, may receive the general reprobation of H. M. service."

The San Fiorenzo was again the fortunate frigate, which stopped the career of the enemy. Commanded by Captain George Nicholas Hardinge, a young officer of great promise and

distinguished courage, she fell in with the [illegible] tales on the evening of the 6th of [illegible] and after an exchange of broadsides [illegible] and a severe, but still undecided engage[illegible] morning, brought her to close action [illegible] noon of the third day, and took [illegible] Florenzo commenced action with only [illegible] tive men; the Piedmontaise, a larger [illegible] frigate, had more than 500, including [illegible] Captain Hardinge was unfortunately [illegible] third day. For some time before [illegible] struck, the first lieutenant was [illegible] himself to the hottest of the fire; [illegible] of the death he sought, and dreading [illegible] the hands of the British, he [illegible] into his own body. It is [illegible] [illegible] immediately, he ordered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Culloden, had been a British sloop of war; and the Bellone, taken by the Powerful and Rattlesnake, was added to the navy as a small-class frigate, and actually maintained a running fight with the seventy-four. The resemblance between ships of war and the larger Indiamen more than once deceived the enemy. The Union, a small privateer, mounting only eight guns, thus ventured to chase, and was taken by the Culloden; and the Jena, national corvette, was taken in the same manner by the Modeste frigate. The Jena was a remarkably fine and fast vessel, and, as the Revenant privateer, had formerly cruised long and very successfully. She was commissioned as the Victor, to replace a sloop of war of that name, which in the preceding year had been the scene of one of the most extraordinary and tragical events on record.

The Victor, commanded by Captain George Bell, whose name has been already mentioned in connexion with the Nymphe and Indefatigable, had taken four brigs in Batavia Road, and was returning to Prince of Wales' Island. On the 15th of April, 1807, off Cheribon, she met three Malay prows under Dutch colours, which, on its falling calm, she detained with the armed boats, and brought alongside. The crews of two of

them, a hundred and twenty men [illegible] on board the Victor, and placed under [illegible] while the prows were being examined [illegible] people in the third being refractory, [illegible] was fired into her, and some small [illegible] they returned by throwing spears, and [illegible] tels. A second gun was therefore [illegible] sparks from which reached a quantity [illegible] which had been taken out of the prows [illegible] up the after-part of the ship. The [illegible] extinguish the flames, leaving the [illegible] instantly seized their arms, with the [illegible] knives which had been thrown [illegible] attacked the crew with all the [illegible] character. The prows were [illegible] adrift, and the crew, under the [illegible] officers, proceeded with [illegible] pass, one part to extinguish the [illegible] [illegible]

moderately strong squadron in India. Two frigates had been taken since Sir Edward's arrival, the Maria Riggersbergen, by the Caroline; and the Pallas, by the Greyhound and Harrier. The first was the unfortunate Java, which shared the fate of the Blenheim; the other was the convoy of the spice ships. Two line-of-battle ships, the Pluto and Revolutié, with a frigate, and several corvettes and gun-brigs, were at anchor in Batavia roads; and information had been received by the Powerful 74, Captain Plamplin, that Rear-Admiral Willaumez, with six sail of the line, one of them commanded by Jerome Buonaparte, might be expected in the Indian seas. To destroy the ships already at Batavia, and to intercept the French squadron, Sir Edward sailed on the 22d of October, 1806, from Madras to Trincomalee. Here a fleet of Indiamen under his convoy was joined by other ships, and went on to Europe in charge of the Woolwich and Duncan; while the Admiral, with the Culloden, Powerful, Russell, and Belliqueux line-of-battle ships, and Terpsichore frigate, proceeded to the Straits of Sunda, where the Albion and others were to join him. Lieutenant Owen, commanding the Seaflower brig, was instructed to disguise her as one of the expected French squadron, and to hasten on

before. On the 23d of November, [illegible] joined by the frigate Sir Francis Drake, [illegible] Pownoll Pellew; and on the same [illegible] learnt that Willaumez had gone to [illegible] the 26th, they arrived in the Straits [illegible] where they found the Seaflower, [illegible] ready communicated with the Dutch [illegible] at Bantam, as one of the expected [illegible] and information was sent accordingly [illegible] verner at Batavia. So completely [illegible] deceived by this step, that the [illegible] along the coast of Java, and anchored [illegible] in Batavia road, before its [illegible] pocket. As soon as it was [illegible] the Pitstain 40-gun frigate, [illegible] Zee-ploeg, [illegible] another ship of 20 guns, [illegible] Company's cruisers, [illegible]

son, Captain Fleetwood Pellew, of the Terpsichore, and covered by the fire from the frigates, were sent without delay to destroy the enemy's ships. The decision of Captain Pellew, which scarcely allowed them time to man their guns, made their fire almost harmless. He boarded the Phœnix, whose crew quitted her on his approach; turned her guns on the other armed vessels; burnt all the shipping, except three merchant-vessels, which were brought away; and in less than two hours returned with the boats, having effected the whole service with no greater loss than one man killed, and four wounded.

One of the ships lay at the little island of Onroost, which is piled and jettied all round, and contained a small and compact repairing yard for merchant-vessels of all nations. Two boats were sent to destroy her, with strict orders to injure nothing on shore; but unfortunately she drove alongside the jetty, and to the great regret of the Admiral, the flames communicated to the buildings, and occasioned much damage. The squadron sailed on the 1st of December, the Culloden and Belliqueux to return to India, the others for their respective stations. Thus easily was completed an enterprise, as admirably planned as it was gallantly executed. General Daendels, when

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the Ceres, Company's brig of war. That he might be ready to take advantage of the sea breeze, Captain Pellew destroyed the prizes; and before noon, the Psyché was clear of the harbour in chase, the enemy having weighed, and stood to sea. The frigate gaining fast upon them, they all ran themselves on shore at half-past three, and opened their fire. The Psyché anchored as near as the depth of water would allow, and presently compelled the merchant-ship to surrender. At half-past four, just as the frigate was lowering her boats to board, the Scipio struck; and the brig soon after fired a broadside, and hauled down her colours. They were all got off safely the same night; and Captain Pellew, after arranging with the Governor of Samarang for sending on shore the prisoners, who far outnumbered his own crew, returned to port with his prizes.

On the arrival of the Psyché, Sir Edward sailed from Madras, with the Culloden and Powerful, seventy-fours; Caroline and Fox, frigates; Victor, Samarang, Seaflower, and Jaseur, sloops of war; and Wexford, a large Indiaman, fitted as a troop ship: with five companies of the 30th regiment, and a company of artillery, under Lieutenant-Colonel Lockhart. The squadron proceeded first to Prince of Wales' Island, where it embarked

[illegible]

unable to get up. At the entrance of the river, about ten miles up the harbour, the Culloden and Powerful, though they had been previously lightened, and trimmed to an even keel to equalize their draught of water fore-and-aft, grounded on what was called the bar, and which proved to be a flat, several miles in extent. Part of their water was started, and their guns, shot, provisions, and whatever would materially lighten them, were removed into three coasting-vessels detained for that purpose; but still they remained fast. The rest of the squadron, except the troop-ship, which was also a-ground, crossed the bar, and passing a stockade of large trees, anchored in deep water below the island of Madura. On the evening of the 6th, Sir Edward, seeing no probability of carrying up the large ships, determined to force the passage, and attack the place without them, and, accordingly, shifted his flag to the Caroline. Fortunately, at nine o'clock that night the water began to rise; and by ten, the Culloden was afloat and under sail. Following a boat with a light, which was directed by Mr. Gaze, the master, she passed the stockade, and by eleven o'clock was anchored above the bar in deep water. Before daylight, the Admiral returned to her, and all the squadron, except the Powerful and the

line-of-battle ships, and a large Indiaman, fitted as a frigate; and destroyed the military stores and batteries at Griessee and Madura, the squadron weighed on the 13th, and stood down the river in charge of the Dutch pilots. On the 15th, they crossed the bar, and two days after, having completed their provisions and water, left the coast. Not a man was lost in all the service. When Java was taken in 1811, a squadron was sent to Sourabaya; but none of the large ships could get over the bar; and their officers would scarcely credit the fact that the Culloden and Powerful had reached Griessee.

The Culloden arrived at Madras on the 10th of February, and found there the Russell and Duncan, with troops embarked to attack Tranquebar. They sailed next day, and the place surrendered on being summoned.

But all these operations, complete as they were in their success, were of far less importance than the effectual protection which Sir Edward afforded to commerce. His position, with reference to this point, had been peculiarly fortunate; for the confidential intercourse which existed between him and his brothers, and the warm interest which they took in one another's pursuits, had induced him to give much attention to the commercial

system of the Country. Particularly [illegible] come familiar with the important subjects [illegible] surance and convoys, upon which his [illegible] been much in communication with the [illegible] ment. At an early period of his [illegible] India, he submitted to the merchants [illegible] writers a proposal to establish a regula[illegible] of convoys; and invited them to [illegible] their own local experience, the regulati[illegible] to be the most convenient and [illegible] merchants entered readily into his [illegible] results were satisfactory. Some [illegible] still experienced through a [illegible] masters of vessels to sail without [illegible] separate from it on the passage. [illegible] of the enemy's cruisers [illegible] prisoners well, and [illegible] opportunity; so that [illegible]

Directors ordered, that the master of every country ship should enter into a bond of 5000 rupees, at the custom-house from which he cleared, as a penalty for any separation. Not that the danger was often great, for the vigilance of the squadron seldom allowed an enemy's cruiser a long career; but it sometimes happened, as was particularly the case while the force was assembled for the expedition to Sourabaya, that an enemy would unexpectedly show himself, and commit serious depredations.

During the debate in the House of Commons, on the vote of thanks for the victory at Algiers, Mr. Money, an East India Director, who had been in India during Sir Edward's command, bore a strong testimony to the merit, and success of his system. "Such," he said, "was the vigilance with which Sir Edward had chased the enemy from our extensive shores, and so powerful the protection which he gave to our commerce in those seas, that property to the amount of millions had been saved, which otherwise would have fallen into the hands of the enemy." Making all the allowance which a loose and general estimate usually requires, the assertion at least shows the estimation in which Sir Edward's services were held. A series of resolutions entered into by the

has, therefore, been fifty per cent. lower on the commerce of the port of Bombay during Sir Edward Pellew's command than at any former period.

"—That since the arrival of Sir Edward Pellew, a period of only three years, one hundred and ten ships have exported and imported, to and from China, under convoy during the whole voyage; while only twenty-eight have run the passage unprotected, in consequence of their sailing out of the seasons fixed for the regular convoys; at the same time that those which have departed unprotected on the eve of appointed convoys, or have separated in the course of the voyage, have not failed to attract the notice and remonstrance of his Excellency.

"— That the operation of the system of convoys has afforded complete security to the trading capital of Bombay, of which the amount insured at this settlement, from May 1st, 1806, to October 31st, 1808, has been £6,700,000; that the premium paid by the trade on that sum amounts to £445,000; that the losses by captures amount to £61,000; that the losses by sea-risks extend to £69,000; and that the profits to the underwriters amount to the sum of £314,000; the losses by captures being under one per cent. on the principal

incurred, and exceeded by those [illegible]
risks; while the former have occasioned [illegible]
influence, or have been the consequence [illegible]
parture from that regular system of [illegible]
which the commerce of the western [illegible]
peninsula of India has been so extensively
fited.

"—That the advantage resulting [illegible]
tion by convoys, which the trade of [illegible]
thus experienced, has originated in [illegible]
which was established, and has [illegible]
the encouragement to the commerce of [illegible]
India by Sir Edward Pellew, [illegible]
at his express invitation, in the [illegible]
to his Excellency by the [illegible]
behalf of the merchants of [illegible]
of February 1808, and [illegible]
Excellency's [illegible]
[illegible]

of those to whom the protection of these valuable and important trusts is committed, that a steady adherence to that system should be observed, of the solid advantages of which, the experience of three years has afforded so decided a proof.

"— That independently of the ample protection afforded to the commerce of this port, his Excellency Sir Edward Pellew has manifested a degree of personal anxiety for the security of its trade, characteristic of that zeal and vigilance which have ever distinguished his professional career; that the interference of his Excellency led to the advertisements issued at his suggestion by the insurance society of Bombay in the year 1806, promotive of encouragement to sail and continue under convoy; and subsequently, to the salutary provisions contained in the proclamations published by the governments of Bengal and Bombay in the year 1807, restrictive of the practice of ships separating from convoy; and, moreover, that his Excellency's solicitude in this respect has succeeded in establishing a degree of control over our shipping, hitherto unknown in the Indian seas.

"— That these important facts, as established by the most minute investigation, do eminently entitle his Excellency Sir Edward Pellew to a more formal declaration of those grateful

acknowledgments which he has [illegible]
from a great and decided majority [illegible]
[illegible] owners, and underwriters of [illegible]

That these resolutions be [illegible]
his Excellency Sir Edward Pellew [illegible]
able address, and published in the [illegible]
[illegible]

CHARLES FORBES [illegible]

The great extent of the Indian [illegible]
the comparatively small force [illegible]
held, called for the utmost [illegible]
officers, and the attention of [illegible]
chief was unceasingly [illegible]
which was calculated to [illegible]
the highest state of [illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible]
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comfort of every man under his command; but the clamour of that false humanity which is one of the most prominent vices of the present day, would never influence him. He knew that even in the best ordered ships, punishment may be sometimes necessary as an extreme alternative, though the exercise of it demands great discretion. Too many will be found, especially during a war, when it is impossible to inquire into the character of those who come into the service, who are callous to every better motive; and with reference to such, we must respect the humanity more than the judgment of those who would substitute privations injurious to health for the pain of the lash, and studied indignities for the shame of it. Little consideration can be claimed for that pretended sense of honour which is sensitive to the degradation of punishment, but callous to that of crime. The experience of every good officer will bear out the assertions, that a strict commander is always the most popular; that the orderly system of a well regulated ship, in which every man knows his duty, and performs it without being teazingly interfered with, affords the best security against offences; and that when an offence has been committed, the ship's company, and even the culprit himself, will respect the

captain who patiently investigates [illegible] dispassionately orders the [illegible]

But on the other hand, except [illegible] cases, as where a ship has been [illegible] from the fleet; in other words, by [illegible] skulkers and incorrigibles, frequency [illegible] ment is the most certain proof of [illegible] discipline. Either there will be a [illegible] encourages by the prospect of [illegible] a want of system, in which the [illegible] officer is the rule for the [illegible] can never fall into regular habits [illegible] observation had taught him [illegible] to punish can be entrusted only [illegible] of the commander, it is [illegible] that some check should be [illegible] [illegible] India, he [illegible]

He sailed from India in February, 1809, with a fleet of Indiamen under his convoy. Off the Isle of France they encountered a violent hurricane, in which the Culloden was in the greatest danger. For three days no provisions could be cooked, and the crew subsisted chiefly on dry rice, with a dram every four hours. So violent was the motion of the ship, as she rolled from broadside to broadside, that the chain-pumps were almost useless. All the quarter-boats were lost, the quarter-galleries washed away, and three of the dead-lights stove. Fortunately her bottom was sound, but she broke much in the upper works; the bolts working themselves loose, and many of the knees giving way. Even the cabin bulkheads were thrown down. It was suggested to the Admiral, who was almost constantly on deck, encouraging the men at the pumps, that the ship would be materially eased if the upper-deck guns were thrown overboard. He replied, "I do not think it necessary; she will do very well, and what would become of the convoy if we meet an enemy?" It was his intention, if the gale had continued, to cut away the mainmast, which being very heavy, for it weighed twenty-one tons, strained the ship exceedingly. The mizen-mast had given way in the top. Four of the convoy

[illegible] foundered, and the rest were [illegible] which escaped the gale re-assembled [illegible] Lane, and, with the Culloden, arrived [illegible] England.

CHAPTER IX.

THE expedition to the Scheldt was being fitted out when Sir Edward arrived from India; and had he reached England but a few days sooner, it was understood that he would have received the naval command. The military commander-in-chief, whose friendship he had long enjoyed, wished him to be appointed; but the final arrangements of the Admiralty had been already completed.

Lord Mulgrave afterwards proposed to him to be second in command in the Mediterranean; and suggested that Lord Collingwood would probably be glad to surrender his charge to an officer who possessed the confidence of the Admiralty; for that of late he had repeatedly expressed a desire to be relieved from it on account of his declining health. But Sir Edward, who was not aware of the actual condition of that distinguished Admiral,

declined the offer, for he could [illegible] that Lord Collingwood would [illegible] which he filled so usefully and [illegible] long as he could possibly hold it with [illegible] to his Country.

He did not remain long unemployed, [illegible] never attempted to create an interest [illegible] by any means beyond the [illegible] duty. Political intrigue, he has [illegible] [illegible] himself to the fortunes of any [illegible] party. This, as it is the [illegible] [illegible] this kind may have [illegible]

[illegible] heartfelt satisfaction of serving [illegible] such times, I will never be at the [illegible] letter to ask a favour of any [illegible] care not who comes in, or who [illegible] they send me on shore, well; [illegible]."

[illegible] 1810 he hoisted his flag on [illegible] VIII, as commander-in-chief [illegible] rode at anchor with his [illegible] the mouth of the Scheldt; [illegible] his smaller [illegible] the whole line of [illegible] the Scheldt in a [illegible]

ship in the fleet; much more [illegible]
some of which worked like a [illegible]
made signal for all captains and pilots [illegible]
board. He then enforced his [illegible]
claring that he would hang the pilot [illegible]
run his ship on shore; and to [illegible]
threat, he caused gantlets to be [illegible]
arms. The fleet sailed, and [illegible]
Sea to their station, without [illegible]
the enemy returned to their [illegible]
seen as the blockading force [illegible]
autumn advanced, the pilots [illegible]
the fleet; but Sir Edward [illegible]
the increasing severity of [illegible]
him to take shelter in the [illegible]
[illegible] In the spring of 1811, [illegible]
Cotton [illegible]
[illegible]

enough to fire upon the frigates, and afterwards, with her consort, exchanged a few distant broadsides with the advanced ships of the enemy: but these, whose only object was to secure the frigates, did not wait for the main body of the British force, now fast coming up, but hastened back to their anchorage. This affair, with the evident high state of equipment of the French fleet, led all to expect that there would soon be a general action; a hope in which the Admiral fully participated. He writes thus on the 28th of December, 1811, when the fleet was on its way to Mahon:—

"My dear brother—I would not permit a ship to sail direct for England without carrying you a few lines to say we are all well, on our way to replenish our provisions and water for the winter's cruise: when this is done, we return to our old ground; or it is possible we may attempt to lay in Hyères Bay, should we find the ground good for winter gales, of which at present we are not quite assured. We lay there a month in full expectation it would force the enemy to give us battle, and it will probably at last compel them to do so next spring. They are actively fortifying the islands and bay all around, in order to guard

against attack, and have at least ten [illegible] at work; they suspect our army will [illegible] way. As far as we can judge from [illegible] I have never yet seen a French fleet [illegible] under the Toulon one is. They have, [illegible] to say, adopted but too many of our [illegible] and in point of clothing, they [illegible] also keep every body on board, so that [illegible] officers are now of necessity [illegible] amusement in their duty; and [illegible] ed with their people. The ships [illegible] four of 120 guns, larger than [illegible] twelve fine two-deckers, are all [illegible] ned. Two of 120, and two of [illegible] and may launch by [illegible] [illegible]

The hopes of the fleet were disappointed; for the enemy came out only when the wind was fair to return; and thus, though they often allowed the advanced ships to approach nearly within gun-shot, nothing was, or could be done, on those occasions.

In the following week, prompted perhaps by the recollections of the new year, he again writes:—

"I never expect to live the war through, and am not at all anxious about it. If I can only have the happiness of doing service to the Country, I would give a great deal to be ten years younger; but as that cannot be, I must content myself with the reflection that my children are good, and provided for; and that I leave them attached to their mother, and to each other. We have all reason to be thankful, and to praise God for his great and manifold mercies. We are ready to start at a moment's notice, and have a strict look-out. The enemy are also ready, sixteen sail, a three-decker of 140 guns launched Christmas day.

"God bless you, and yours; and may he enable me to do honour to my Country and my family—for myself, I care not."

The number of points which [illegible] constantly watched, for more [illegible] coast, from the Ionian Islands [illegible] in the hands of the enemy, made [illegible] force necessary; and the Mediterranean [illegible] at this time one of the largest ever [illegible] an Admiral. The commander in [illegible] principal part of the line-of-battle ship [illegible] the French fleet in Toulon, cruising [illegible] from the beginning of March to the [illegible] vember, and sheltering in Mahon [illegible] three winter months. A Rear-admiral [illegible] at Malta, with a sufficient force [illegible] tion to guard the different points [illegible] the upper part of the [illegible] Rear-admiral was stationed [illegible] Spain, to watch the [illegible] and to assist the Spaniards [illegible] [illegible]

...tion, in the full confidence that they ... disappoint him. He associated much ... in the habit of freely commu- ... as well on general subjects con- ... movements of the fleet, as on ... charge. By his prompt mea- ... attention to the repairs, vic- ... of the fleet, and his care to ... of stores and provisions ... good time as never to ... [illegible]

taken. Something of this may be [illegible] fortune; but more must be referred to [illegible] lence of the officers and crews; which [illegible] results are so uniform, is in fact also [illegible] the commander. Indeed the superi[illegible] Mediterranean fleet was so well [illegible] naval historian, complaining of the [illegible] seamen on other stations, laments [illegible] thousands of the very best of seamen [illegible] the wise regulations of Sir Edward [illegible] daily improving themselves in the [illegible] gunnery, should be denied the [illegible] their proficiency where it was [illegible]

He was particularly [illegible] expense of the fleet, and [illegible] [illegible] which at this time [illegible] much difficulty. When [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] harbour, the ships had their [illegible], and their stores and provisions [illegible] Admiral being as active in the [illegible] he would often be found at the [illegible] morning, as he showed him- [illegible] Care was taken that while the [illegible] it should always be ready [illegible] if the enemy should put to [illegible] occasionally with a line of [illegible] to make a daily [illegible] of their [illegible] the [illegible]

visiting them, and interesting himself in their pro- [illegible]
gress. The French and Spanish [illegible]
structed them in those languages; [illegible]
and superintended their navigation [illegible]
might perfect themselves in [illegible]
build yachts of eight or ten [illegible]
upon which they were exercised [illegible]
and rigging, and every part of [illegible]
man's duty. All the arrangements [illegible]
with regard both to effect, and [illegible]
consideration for their comfort [illegible]
When they obtained thorough [illegible]
[illegible] entrusted to them to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] his captain placed [illegible] of much embarrassment by [illegible] imprudent treaty, which he had [illegible] conclude. The commander-in- [illegible] afterwards annulled the [illegible] the effect, the pain of his [illegible] by charging him with the [illegible] honourable [illegible] connected [illegible] In his despatches to [illegible]

[illegible] talents directs them [illegible]
jects, combining a due sense of what [illegible]
himself with a proper consideration [illegible]
he will always, and without an [illegible]
dignified and amiable ; far more [illegible]
affected simplicity than the man who [illegible]
the character of the chief and [illegible]
his position requires it.

His temper was warm, the [illegible]
quick and active minds. No one [illegible]
scious of it than himself ; and [illegible]
had given pain, he would [illegible]
impression by marked and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] from the presence of the British [illegible] when the fortresses had fallen, [illegible] no longer a regular force for a [illegible] that part of the country, the [illegible] in concert with the fleet, were [illegible] exploits which alarmed and [illegible], and kept alive the spirit [illegible]. Along the shores of [illegible] most daring and brilliant [illegible] achieved. Batteries [illegible] even in open day; and [illegible] convoys, carried off [illegible] might justly have [illegible]

Officers such as Hertz, Gordon, [illegible]
Duncan, Ussher, and indeed all, [illegible]
manner over placed more general [illegible]
confidence in his officers than Sir Ed[illegible]
were not men to send away [illegible]
doubtful and desperate services [illegible]
himself, much as he admired [illegible]
discouraged all acts of [illegible]
always more unwilling to risk [illegible]
the enemy should put to [illegible]
fire from the ships; and when [illegible]
necessarily detached on service [illegible]
their safety was very great [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] "You are a brave nation," [illegible] to an English captain, [illegible] officers, "so are the French; [illegible] individually brave." Services [illegible] individual bravery which [illegible] number of letters he was in [illegible] the moral influence [illegible] the enemy [illegible] most daring [illegible] they [illegible]

over the East. Detestation, [illegible]
is the general expression against this [illegible]
earth."

The ordinary cares and duties of [illegible]
and his very extensive correspon[illegible]
number of letters he was in the [illegible]
service was almost incredible, were [illegible]
Sir Edward's heaviest charge. [illegible]
was no ambassador on whom a [illegible]
responsibility was imposed, than [illegible]
in the Mediterranean. It formed [illegible]
largest, and most anxious portion of [illegible]
duties; and the greatness of the [illegible]
possibility of confiding it to another [illegible]
mander on the station, and the [illegible]
with which Collingwood [illegible]
British Government [illegible]
state of that office's [illegible]
them of his [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] and the judgment he displayed [illegible] obtained from a British Cabinet [illegible] declaration that, "great as he may [illegible] officer, he is still greater as a [illegible]

[illegible] distinction was yet wanting [illegible] desired, as a means of [illegible] peace, and an personal [illegible] his name with the [illegible]

through the whole period of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

The restoration of his fleet [illegible]
[illegible] subject, with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of Europe [illegible]
[illegible] the days of [illegible]
[illegible]

British ships approached, the
and threw them off so much, that
all just into gunshot of the Wagram,
rear ship. The fleet was at this
the original wind, and the Caledonia
and Boyne actually fetched within
French Admiral, before the
The Wagram, which had
Caledonia, exchanged broadsides
too great a distance to produce
and the enemy being so far to

[illegible]ing from Mahon, discovered the [illegible]stward of Hyères Islands. They [illegible]pposed to be British ships, but the [illegible] going aloft, clearly made out [illegible] The Boyne, Captain Burlton, a [illegible], sister ship to the Victory, [illegible] in advance of the fleet. It was [illegible] the ships were preparing for the [illegible] had already commenced [illegible] when the signal for a general [illegible] The wind blew strong [illegible] the Boyne, perceiving the [illegible]

[illegible] were rapidly melting from him. [illegible] of January and February, every [illegible] had surrendered. In the [illegible] Lord William Bentinck left Pa[illegible] army, supported by a squadron [illegible] J. Rowley, to reduce Genoa. [illegible] was landed considerably to [illegible] moved forward, supported by [illegible] carrying and dismantling the bat[illegible] advanced. On the 30th, the [illegible] Gulf of Spezzia capitulated. [illegible] the army was landed at [illegible] and at day-break [illegible] made by the land [illegible] the place [illegible]

of this month, Napoleon left France [illegible]
frigate for Elba. He landed on the [illegible]
on the little island which had been [illegible]
him for a sovereignty, and a prison [illegible]
ended a war, one of the longest, the [illegible]
ful, but in all respects the most [illegible]
England had ever waged.

CHAPTER X.

THE contest for naval supremacy was so entirely decided by the battle of Trafalgar, that no opportunity was afterwards afforded for great successes. But at the end of the war, when the leading Peninsular generals were raised to the peerage, it was thought due to the service to confer a similar distinction upon a naval officer. Sir Edward Pellew received this mark of his sovereign's favour. He was created Baron Exmouth, of Canonteign, a mansion and estate in the south of Devon which he had purchased for a family property; and the pension was settled on him which is usually granted when a peerage is conferred for eminent public services.

He was still in the Mediterranean when the news of his elevation reached him, and he received the first account of it from a newspaper. In allusion to it he writes: — "I was never more

surprised than at this event. [illegible]
more ignorant of its being thought of [illegible]
reason had I to expect it; and it [illegible]
only by a combination of events quite [illegible]
with influence or power. I had [illegible]
believe a red ribbon was intended, [illegible]
that it had been granted; but if so, it [illegible]
next day to what it is, which for the [illegible]
family, I hope will be useful and [illegible]
For myself I am indifferent, and [illegible]
tend to multiply [illegible]
difficulties. [illegible]
received a handsome compliment [illegible]
of the [illegible]
model of the Warwick [illegible]
Rustic [illegible] Bridge, [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] begins a letter to his brother on [illegible]ary: —"I seize this moment, [illegible] of the post has brought me the [illegible] one single line from any friend [illegible] possibly, it was owing to the [illegible]mination. I had not the most [illegible] event, and I can only account [illegible] by the squabbling of parties; [illegible] probably decided on giving it [illegible] On this ground only [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] considered due [illegible] magnitude, with [illegible]

he was so happy as to save from all the
anarchy. Murat, that he might create a diver-
sion in favour of Napoleon, had rashly
Austria, and thus violated the compact
he was allowed to hold his usurped throne
followed scarcely deserves the name of
army, not waiting for the enemy to appear
like sheep, and left the Austrian
unresisted march to Naples. Lord
after having arranged with Lord W.
the co-operation of the forces from Sicily
allies, had arrived on the evening
May, at Civita Vecchia; whence
rapid advance of the Austrians, he
out delay to Naples, where he
evening of the 20th. Madame Murat
same night, on board a British
immediately

[illegible] he landed the marines, who took pos-
[illegible] forts, and castle of St. Elmo, and
[illegible] the civic guard, restored, and
[illegible] On the 23rd, the Austrian
[illegible] the city, and next day the forts
[illegible] and the marines embarked.
[illegible] was unbounded in his ex-
[illegible] and invested him on the
[illegible]
[illegible] some very difficult and
[illegible] respecting the queen and
[illegible] were eventually sent to
[illegible] proposed to General Bi-
[illegible]

landed, with a body of seamen, …
of the squadron, and stopped the …
rebel, Marshal Brune, who was …
Toulon upon Marseilles, avowedly …
The inhabitants, grateful to their …
unceasing in their attentions both …
army, as long as they remained …
Their sense of the important …
Admiral had rendered, as well to …
the cause of their rightful sovereign …
by the present of a large and …
plate, which was executed at Paris …
is a medallion of the noble Admiral …
of the Port of Marseilles, with …
flagship, entering in full sail …
ple and expressive …
mi Lord Exmouth, …

The squadron …

These were to be matters of compul-
also to make peace for any of
the Mediterranean who would
do so. Naples readily availed
Unable to protect herself, is
inestimable blessing to gain security
scourge on the easiest terms
of the first maritime Power
Nothing can be conceived
Christian
all the caprice and
of

from difficulties arising out of religious [illegible]
confiding a formal trust to a Protestant [illegible]
ceived the Admiral however with [illegible]
courtesy, and even attended to his [illegible]
a subject where it was scarcely [illegible]
expected that the interference of [illegible]
would be allowed. A young Spanish [illegible]
was confined in a convent at Minorca [illegible]
cumstances of an oppressive and [illegible]
had contrived to bring her case to [illegible]
of Lord Exmouth, and to place [illegible]
memorial, which he took an [illegible]
personally to the pope. A British [illegible]
tereeding with the pope for a [illegible]
a novel occurrence; but Pius [illegible]
memorial very graciously [illegible]
hands of Gonsalvi, that [illegible]
made. It is [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the Bantorer, to proceed to Algiers, [illegible] carefully to observe the town, and [illegible] its defences. Lord Exmouth's [illegible] this occasion, and which were [illegible] his own hand, afford an admirable [illegible] of the forethought, with which he pro- [illegible] contingency, and which was the [illegible] constant success. [illegible] to Captain Warde to state [illegible] this difficult and important [illegible] but that of the Admiral [illegible] accompanied the treaty [illegible] which he sent to the [illegible]

recollection, to avoid being suspected, [illegible]
deserving of the highest commendation [illegible]
soundings round the mole, and the [illegible]
N.W. of the light-house, were all [illegible]
personally in the night without discovery [illegible]
even the consul suspect the purport of [illegible]

It adds to the merit of this officer, [illegible]
previous plans of Algiers were so [illegible]
was obliged to begin his own from [illegible]
if the place were a new discovery [illegible]
mouth afterwards declared that if [illegible]
ceeded to hostilities at his first visit [illegible]
been furnished with Captain [illegible]
observations, he should have [illegible]
stations which they could not [illegible]
plan in the Admiralty book [illegible]
inaccuracies, laid down the [illegible]
four miles long, instead of [illegible]
the north-west of the [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Notwithstanding this, and [illegible] advantages arising out of the secrecy [illegible] called to observe, Captain Warde's [illegible] so accurate and complete, that [illegible] afterwards sent to the Admiralty [illegible] illustrate the despatches of the [illegible]

[illegible] every alternative, Lord Ex- [illegible] to the squadron the service [illegible] proceeding in the following [illegible]

[illegible] 31st March, 1816.

rouses in common the same spirit of [illegible] which he himself feels; and should the [illegible] ment of Algiers refuse the reasonable [illegible] hears from the Prince Regent, he doubts [illegible] the flag will be honourably and [illegible] ported by every officer and man [illegible] mand, in his endeavours to procure [illegible] tion of them by force; and if force [illegible] sorted to, we have the consolation [illegible] that we fight in the sacred [illegible] and cannot fail of success.

"These arrangements being [illegible] and Tunis, the Commander-in-[illegible] with pleasure, that he is [illegible] all the ships not on the [illegible] Spithead without delay; [illegible] bearing the flag of [illegible] Penrose, which ship [illegible] Albion, daily [illegible]

[illegible] difficulty. The Ionian slaves [illegible] as British subjects; and peace [illegible] Naples and Sardinia, the former [illegible] of five hundred, the latter of [illegible] dollars a head. The fleet then [illegible] where accident gave an entirely [illegible] the subsequent proceedings. [illegible] directed the interpreter to tell [illegible] would be very agreeable to the [illegible] were abolished; but the [illegible] said that the Prince Re- [illegible] abolish it. Upon this, [illegible] and the Divan [illegible]

Returning on this errand, he took the opp[illegible] to press, as at the other Regencies, the [illegible] of Christian slavery; but here he had a [illegible] midable power to deal with. His de[illegible] refused; and when he hinted at the alt[illegible] force, the Dey answered as a man confid[illegible] strength to resist it. Lord Exmouth [illegible] that he formed a very inadequate idea of [illegible] man-of-war, and declared that if hostili[illegible] become necessary, he would engage [illegible] of battle ships to destroy the place; [illegible] altercation ensued; and Lord Exmouth [illegible] Divan, giving them two hours to [illegible] peak. When the time expired [illegible] M'Donell, the consul, and [illegible] wards the boats; but they [illegible] gate. After [illegible] communication [illegible] the Dey, Lord Exmouth [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in our hands," attempted to draw [illegible] Happily, the pressure of the throng [illegible] for in the temper which then [illegible] appearance of a hostile movement [illegible] have been fatal. Lord Exmouth [illegible] at this outrage; and when the [illegible] officers of state followed, and [illegible] was just stepping into the boat, [illegible] days to consider his proposal, [illegible] "No! not two hours!" [illegible] he got the fleet under weigh [illegible] immediately; but the wind [illegible] the ships to take their [illegible] obliged to anchor again. [illegible]

hand, when he was taken off the horse, [illegible]
allowed to go to their ships. Such [illegible]
moment when Lord Exmouth was [illegible]
paring to attack the place, indicated [illegible]
tion which might enable him to [illegible]
without a battle; and next morning, [illegible]
with a heavy swell prevented the [illegible]
ing, he sent Captain Dundas, of the [illegible]
renewed proposals. The result [illegible]
Israel Pellew, with Captains [illegible]
Dundas, Warde, and others, [illegible]
and the Dey agreed to appoint [illegible]
who should proceed first to [illegible]
sanction of the Porte, and [illegible]
treat on Lord Exmouth's [illegible]
supposed that [illegible]
this [illegible]
he had [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] when the fleet had arrived in the [illegible] It is with great delight I again bring [illegible] to you and the rest of my family, [illegible] absence than I had any reason to [illegible] Left England, and which has at last [illegible] realizing that for which it was [illegible] kept so long abroad after peace was [illegible] anxiously hoped I should have [illegible] to enforce the abandonment of their [illegible] retaining Christians who fall into [illegible] they [illegible] in slavery. [illegible] the path easy for the Govern- [illegible] by my own exertions the [illegible] Statut, and a promise to [illegible]

for copies of Lord Exmouth's [illegible]
for Naples and Sardinia, and [illegible]
ence connected with them. He [illegible]
principle upon which the [illegible]
ducted, because by ransoming the [illegible]
virtually acknowledged the right of [illegible]
to commit their depredations. [illegible]
that the Algerines, dissatisfied with [illegible]
having limited their sphere of [illegible]
pacified only by the assurance [illegible]
strained from cruising against Neapo[illegible]
there still remained a wide field [illegible]
prize. The Roman States [illegible]
effect of the new direction [illegible]
He then described the [illegible]
slaves. In one case [illegible]
seven, fifty had died of [illegible]
day of their arrival [illegible]
fortnight. The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] use we had made of our influence [illegible] day, when they were [illegible] objected to the motion, only [illegible] ground that all the documents [illegible] complete information had not [illegible] be assured the house, that the [illegible] had been very materially served [illegible] of the squadron. An [illegible] [illegible] which every one expressed the [illegible] the barbarian should be [illegible] [illegible] of necessity to [illegible] [illegible] display of feeling [illegible] [illegible] to Lord Ex- [illegible]

Bona had landed to attend mass, it being [illegible] day, when they were attacked by a large [illegible] Turkish troops, and most barbarously [illegible] Lord Exmouth was at Algiers when [illegible] place; but as Bona is two hundred [illegible] eastward, and he sailed as soon as he [illegible] with the Dey, he did not hear of it [illegible] in England; and thus it devolved upon [illegible] Government to direct the measures [illegible] atrocity demanded. Justly [illegible] barbarians, so long the [illegible] civilised world, and whose very [illegible] reproach to it, had filled [illegible] crimes by this [illegible] [illegible] the most signal [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] CHAPTER XI.

[illegible]

[illegible] then the Fish-market, [illegible] bearing three hundred yards [illegible] three between the Fish- [illegible] leading to the mole; one [illegible] two on the wall beyond it. [illegible] within twelve hundred yards [illegible] three batteries, and a very [illegible] large fort, and six batte- [illegible] the N.W. Many [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] appointed, when officers came [illegible] to offer their services. On the [illegible] six days after he arrived in the [illegible] Government had taken a [illegible] the subject, and he deter[illegible] proper force. I immediately [illegible] to finish that which I had [illegible] should cheerfully go. My offer [illegible] in the Queen Charlotte [illegible] The [illegible] I hope they will [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the Prometheus [illegible] passing the gateway [illegible] of all the party then on [illegible] sent off next morning by [illegible] solitary instance of his [illegible] Exmouth, "it ought to be [illegible] but the consul was confined in [illegible] the surgeon, three midship- [illegible] of the Prometheus, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] EXMOUTH. [illegible]

[illegible] his scimitar [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had before

[illegible] Never [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] that all the

[illegible] Algerine [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] by the bomb-vessels, and [illegible] from the flotilla. [illegible] and well [illegible] and the [illegible] of the town itself, were [illegible] the objects of the attack [illegible]

[illegible] to the force employed, [illegible] twenty-eight were killed, and [illegible] wounded; in the British [illegible] killed, and fifty-two wounded; [illegible] Yet, except the Imprego [illegible] man killed, no ship suffered [illegible] engagement. Ge- [illegible] the battle, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of his [illegible]

[illegible] The Day [illegible]

[illegible]

pardon of the consul, in [illegible]

captain of the Queen Charlotte.

The Commander [illegible]

nity of again returning his [illegible]

Admirals, Captains, [illegible]

Royal Suppers and [illegible]

lery, and the Royal [illegible]

[illegible]

giving shall be [illegible]

[illegible]

during the conflict [illegible]

[illegible]

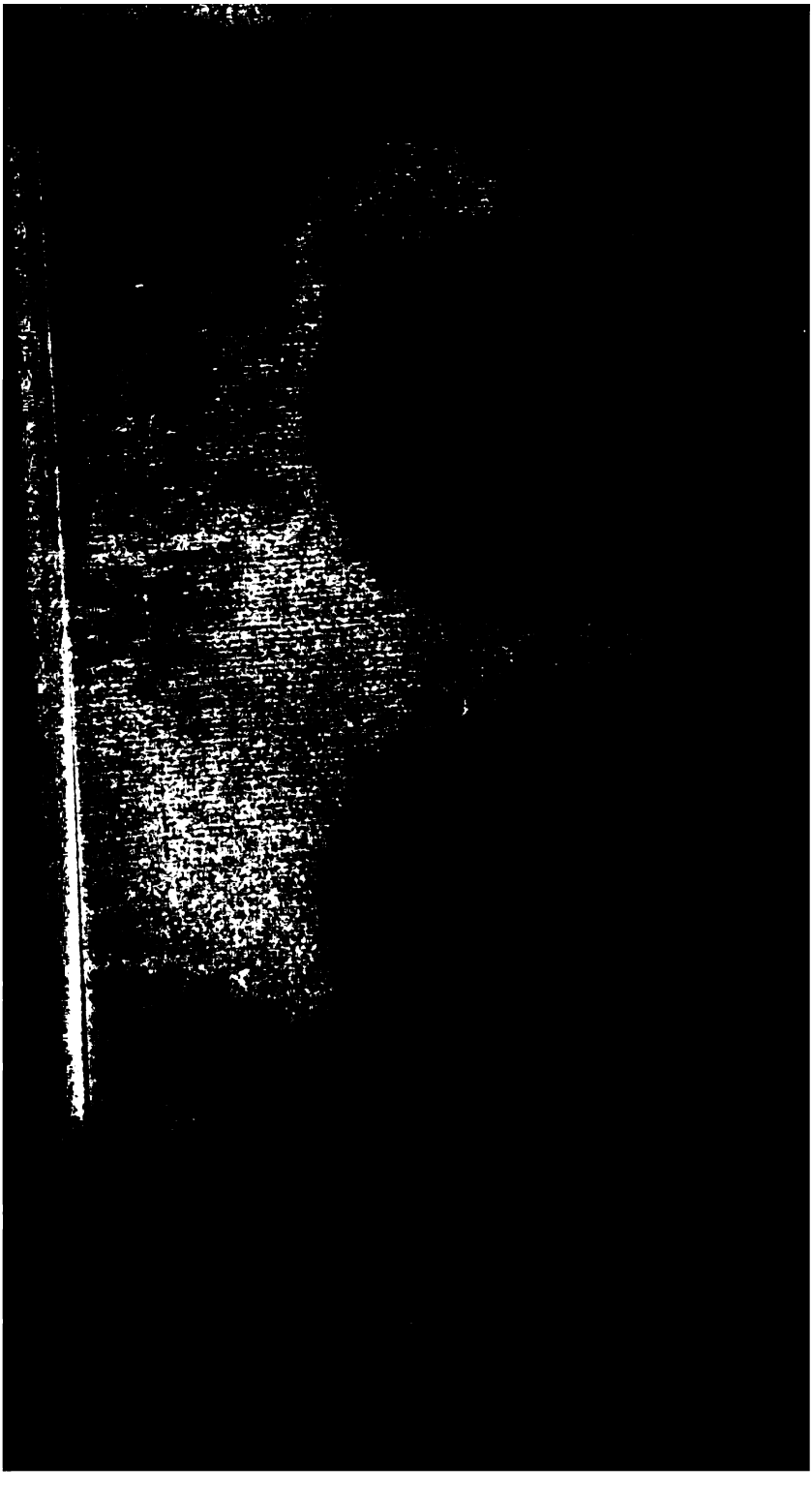
[illegible] with these liberated a few weeks [illegible] three thousand, whom, by [illegible] Lord Exmouth had delivered from [illegible] sent them to their respective [illegible] a ship to receive a few who [illegible] from the interior, he sailed [illegible] for England. On the [illegible] to Gibraltar, he [illegible]

was quite sure I should have a [illegible]
about one or two in the morning [illegible]
we could hold out that time. [illegible]
came, and a dreadful night [illegible]
lightning, and rain, as heavy [illegible]
Several ships had expended all [illegible]
been supplied from the brigs, [illegible]
handed, and only fired when [illegible]
and we expended 250 barrels [illegible]
weighing above 25 tons [illegible]
of ruin of fortifications, and [illegible]
wan, and it is the opinion of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of Algiers forms a class by itself [illegible] victories. It was a new thing to [illegible] a position surrounded by such for- [illegible] Bold, beautiful, and original [illegible] it was most brilliant and com- [illegible] Nay, was it more splendid for [illegible] happy in the fruits. It broke the [illegible] it gave security to mil- [illegible]

[illegible] considerable estate left
[illegible] in Barbary by Mr.
[illegible] the company which had him-
[illegible] very. He received
[illegible] and the honorary
[illegible] A society
[illegible] chiefly [illegible] the exertions of
[illegible] of



[illegible]

[illegible] a list of the [illegible]
entitled to promotion, [illegible]
to be easily examined, [illegible]
which their respective [illegible]
enforced in a manner, [illegible]
discrimination of their [illegible]
terest he took in their [illegible]
The victory was [illegible]
royal speech, and on the [illegible]
ceived the thanks of parliam[illegible]
of the Admiralty, who intro[illegible]
the House of Lords, expatia[illegible]
circumstances which enhanc[illegible]
commander. When the [illegible]
Algiers was determined on [illegible]
to collect [illegible]
call for the [illegible]
enterprise. [illegible]
[illegible]

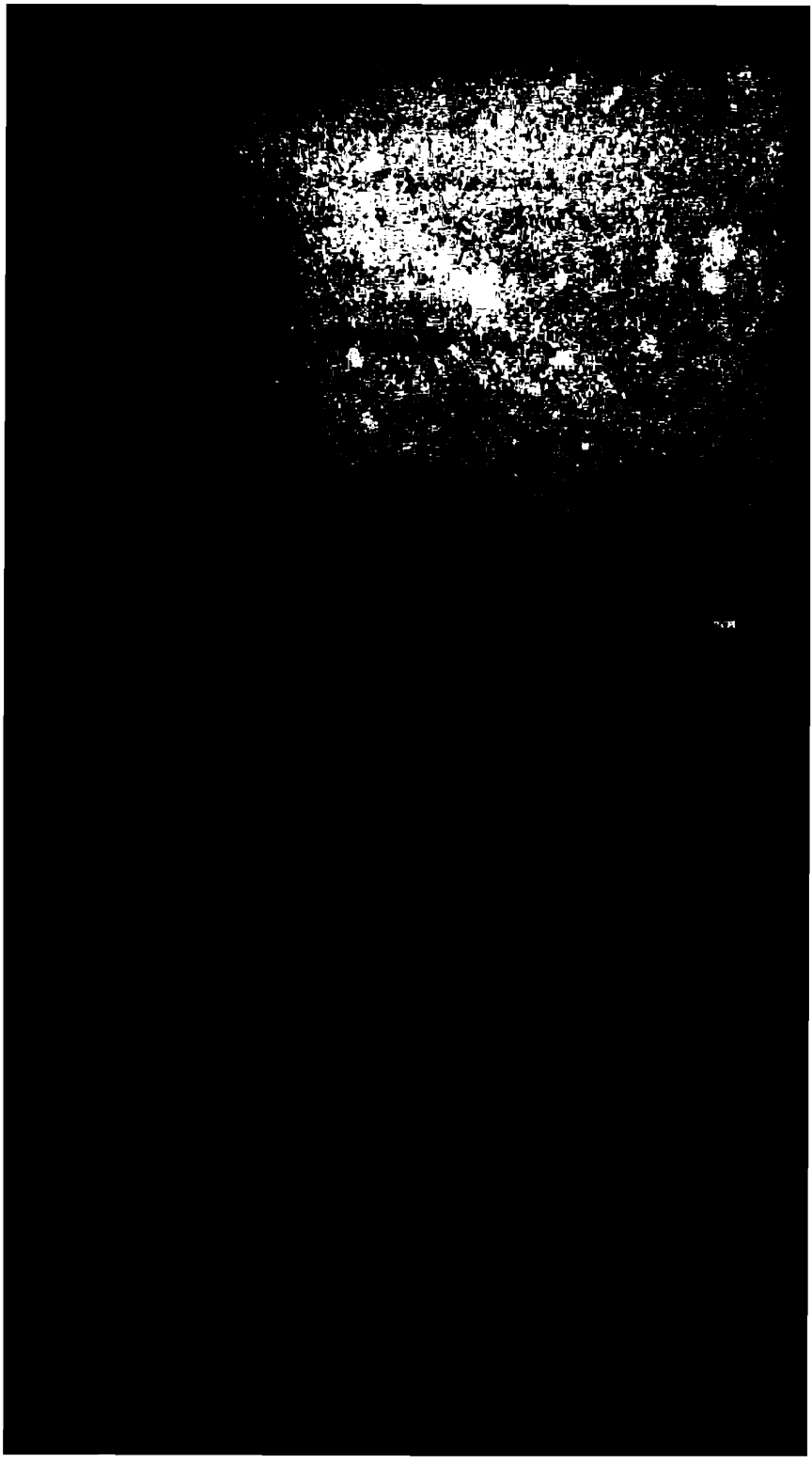
[illegible] on his judgment and ability. He [illegible] with his squadron on the appointed [illegible] proposed certain terms to the Dey, [illegible] according to his instructions, and on [illegible] being given, the ships took their [illegible] to Lord Exmouth [illegible] not generally known. [illegible]

[illegible] said, "to add anything more to an [illegible] both as to the principles upon [illegible] undertaken, and the mode of carrying [illegible] but only observe that he intended [illegible] thanks to the officers and seamen of [illegible] King of the Netherlands [illegible] had been so beneficial. He [illegible] would feel a peculiar gratification [illegible] navy of Holland united with [illegible] liberties of mankind, and he [illegible]

which his liberality had obviated for his [illegible] Lord Exmouth maintained a most [illegible] intercourse with him, and often ex[illegible] confidence in the strongest terms, that [illegible] honours to the rank he was [illegible] never to be realized; for he [illegible] only a few months [illegible] illustration of a truth which [illegible] antisely feel, till [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] consolation. You and I have no choice [illegible] all our duty, and we shall, no doubt; [illegible] As for myself, you may well think me [illegible] burnt, and kicked, and done in [illegible] nights; but here I am, quite [illegible] and merry, in spite of them all; [illegible] fortnight they will find know [illegible] They have a particular [illegible] I am glad of it. We shall live [illegible]



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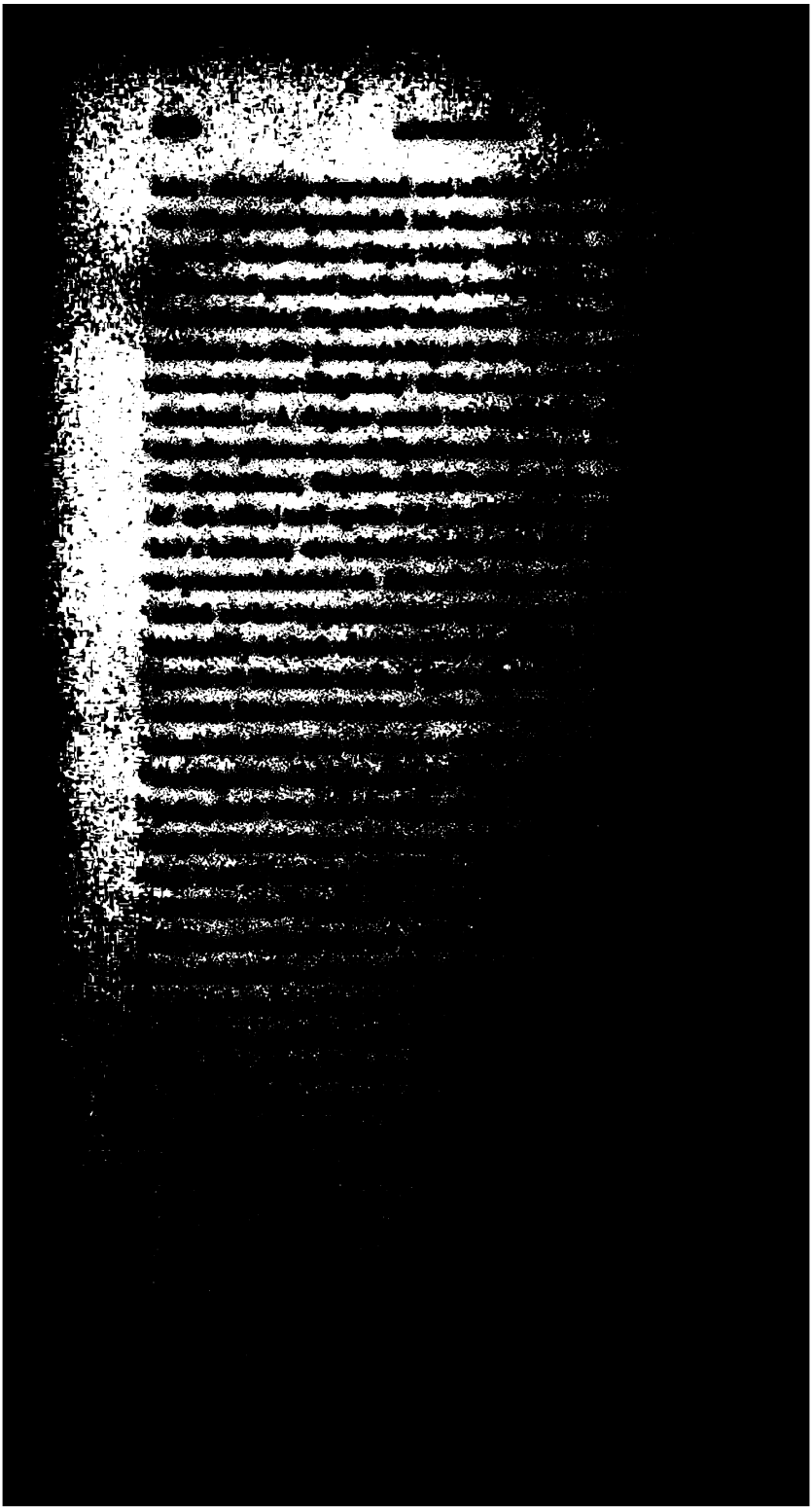


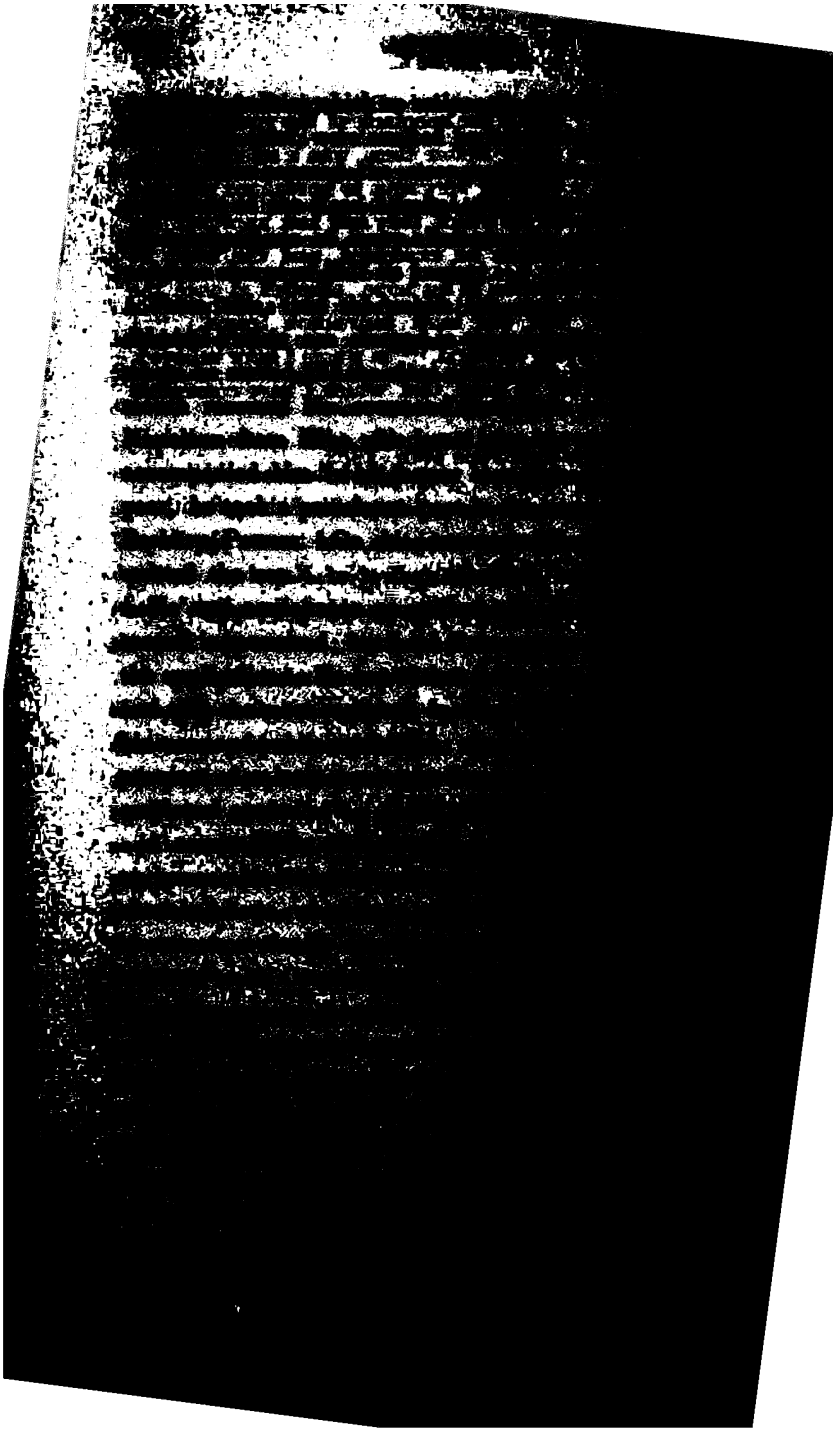
[illegible] Captain Pellew's conduct, by inviting him [illegible] him with marked attention [illegible] made, and the Glorpatra was paid off, [illegible] his family for the first time since he [illegible] ship in 1798. His son, whom he had [illegible] was now ten years old; and his [illegible] the effect of parental instinct, [illegible] of the same age. But the [illegible] of the one who had been taught [illegible] the [illegible] of the other, [illegible]

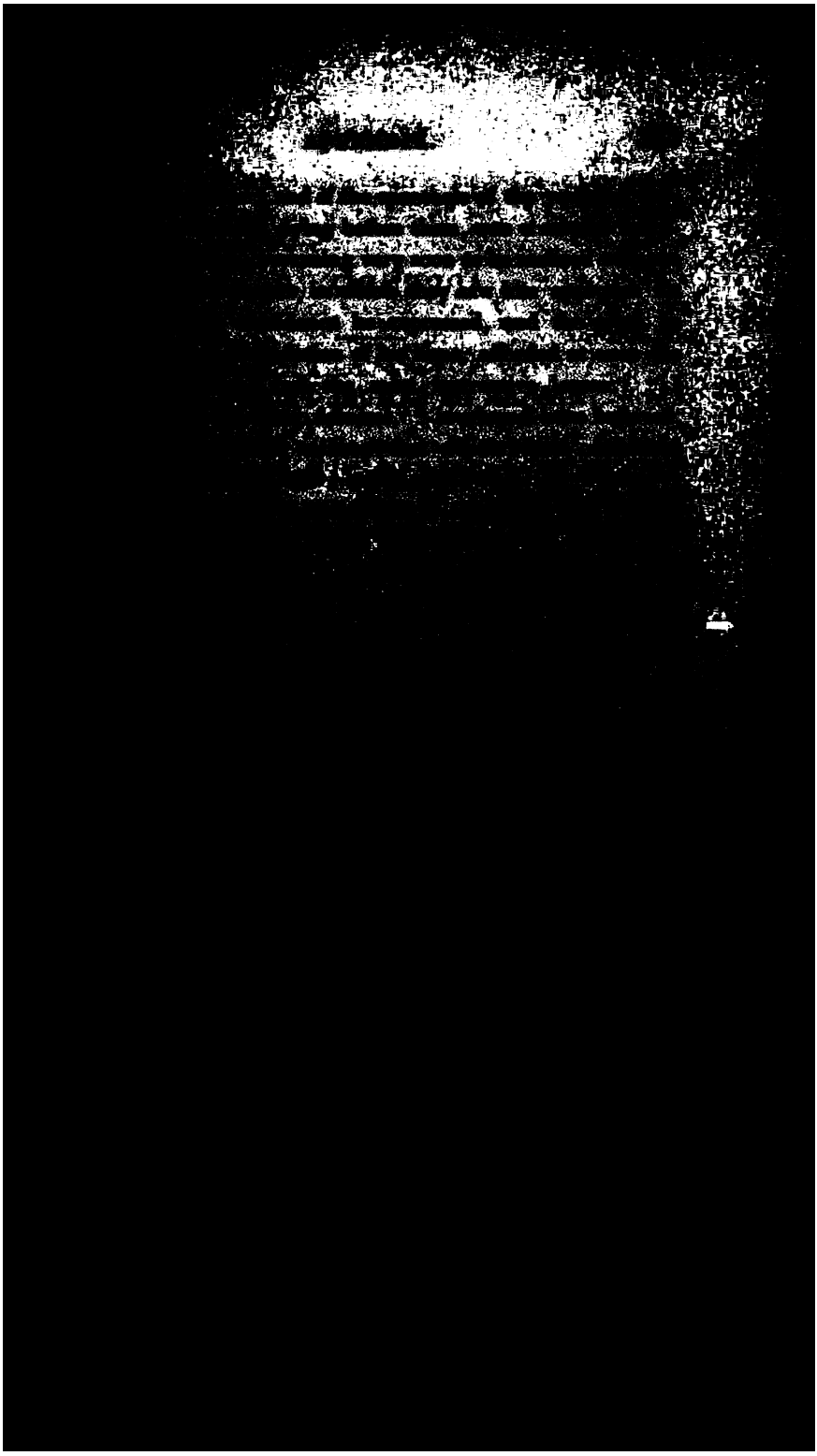
[illegible] getting early into action. [illegible] the battle, when forty-four [illegible] dismounted and [illegible] mingled in a confusion which [illegible] for the time ; and the [illegible] destroying [illegible] it impossible for him to [illegible] [illegible]

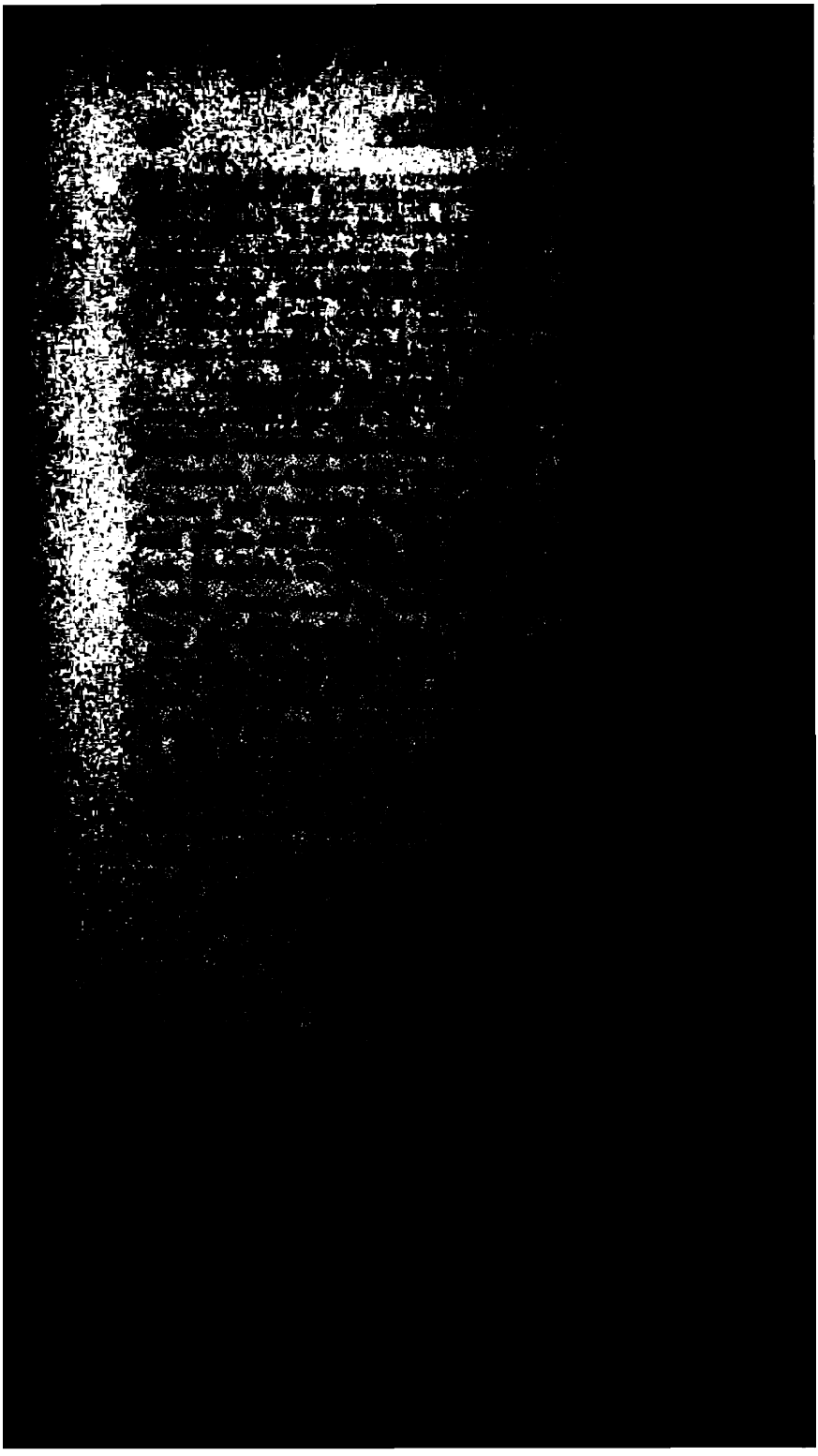
[illegible] no loss in bearing down, for all the men had been [illegible] flat on the deck, until required to be [illegible] guns. Observing that the enemy's ship was [illegible] who had already begun to shower musquet- [illegible] deck, Captain Pellew ordered below the [illegible] every man who could be spared from above [illegible] who remained to place themselves where [illegible] screened from the enemy's marksmen. [illegible] had been previously sent with [illegible] to the lower deck. By this removal of [illegible]

[illegible] to receive the submission of his distinguished [illegible] Captain Atcherly, of the [illegible] Villeneuve on board, for the services of the [illegible] not yet be dispensed with, he [illegible] the starboard-quarter of the [illegible] [illegible] Captain Atcherly on the [illegible] [illegible] English [illegible] Captain [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Intrepide, and the Britannia set her on fire. [illegible] shifted to South by East, still a fresh [illegible] Cadiz being about twenty miles distant to [illegible] fell in with the Africa, which had lost all [illegible] after the battle, and was drifting towards [illegible] took her in tow, and brought her safely to [illegible] arrived November 3d; and the Africa [illegible] with [illegible] the two ships [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] Plymouth [illegible] and [illegible]



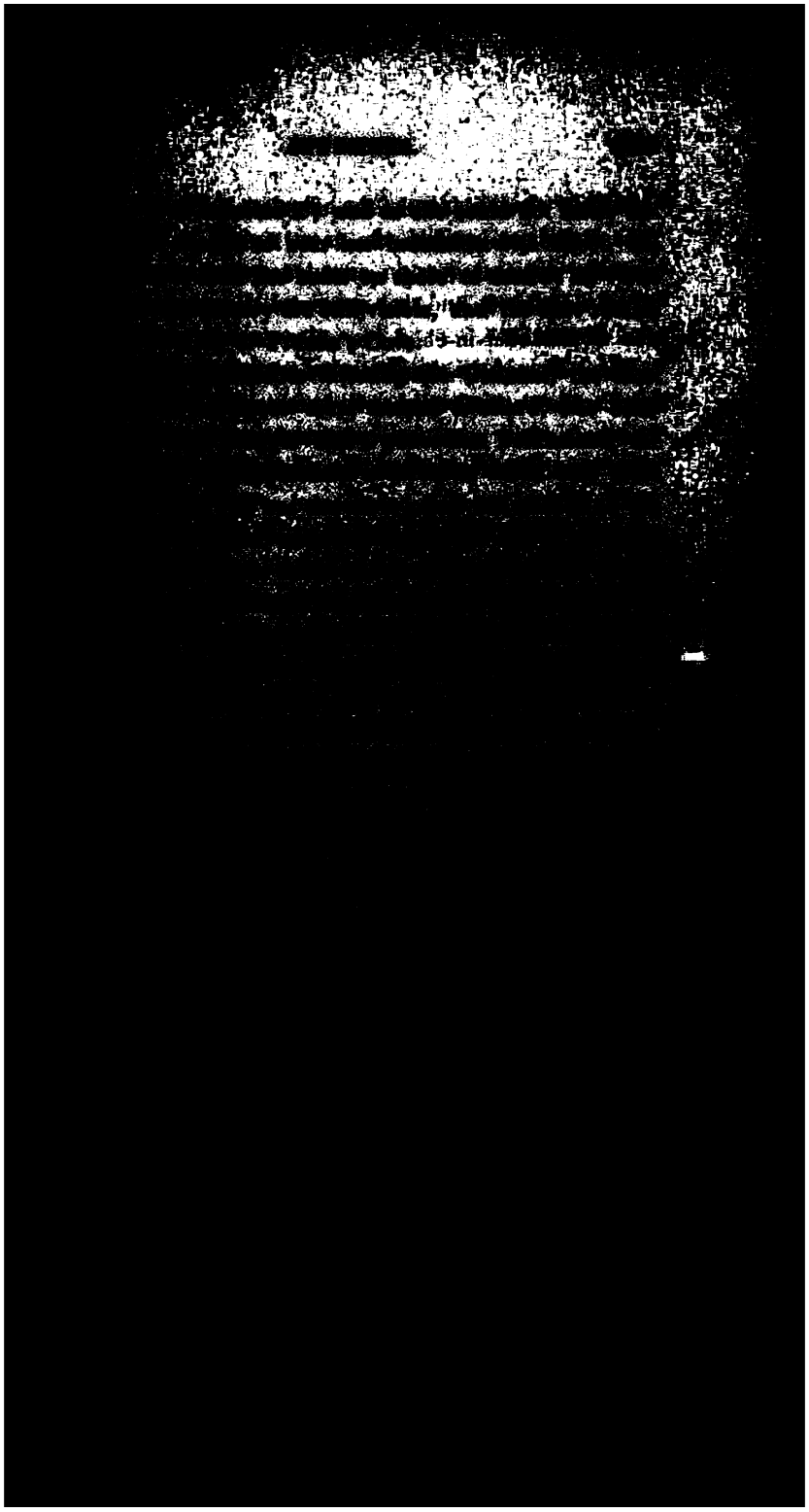


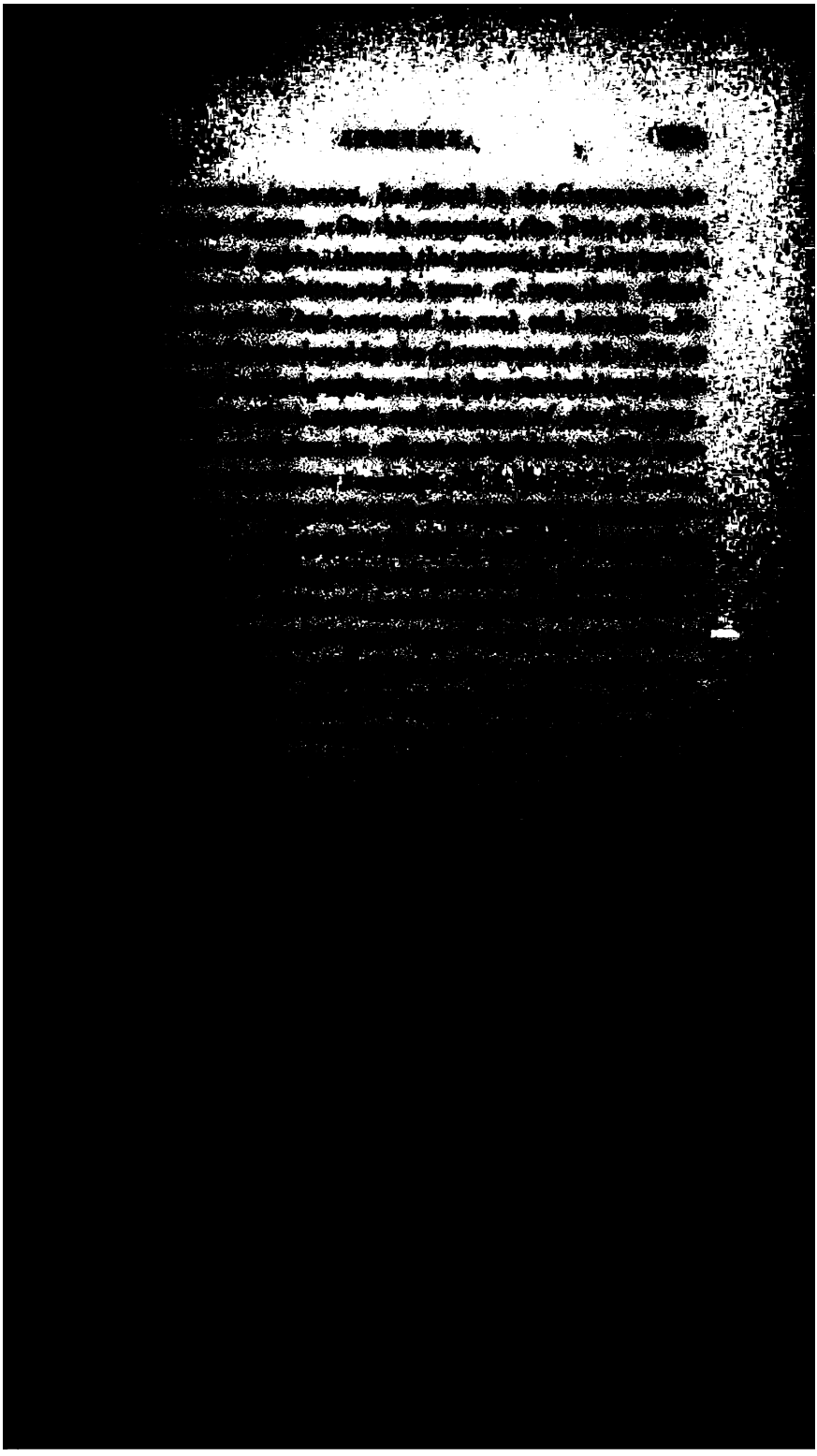


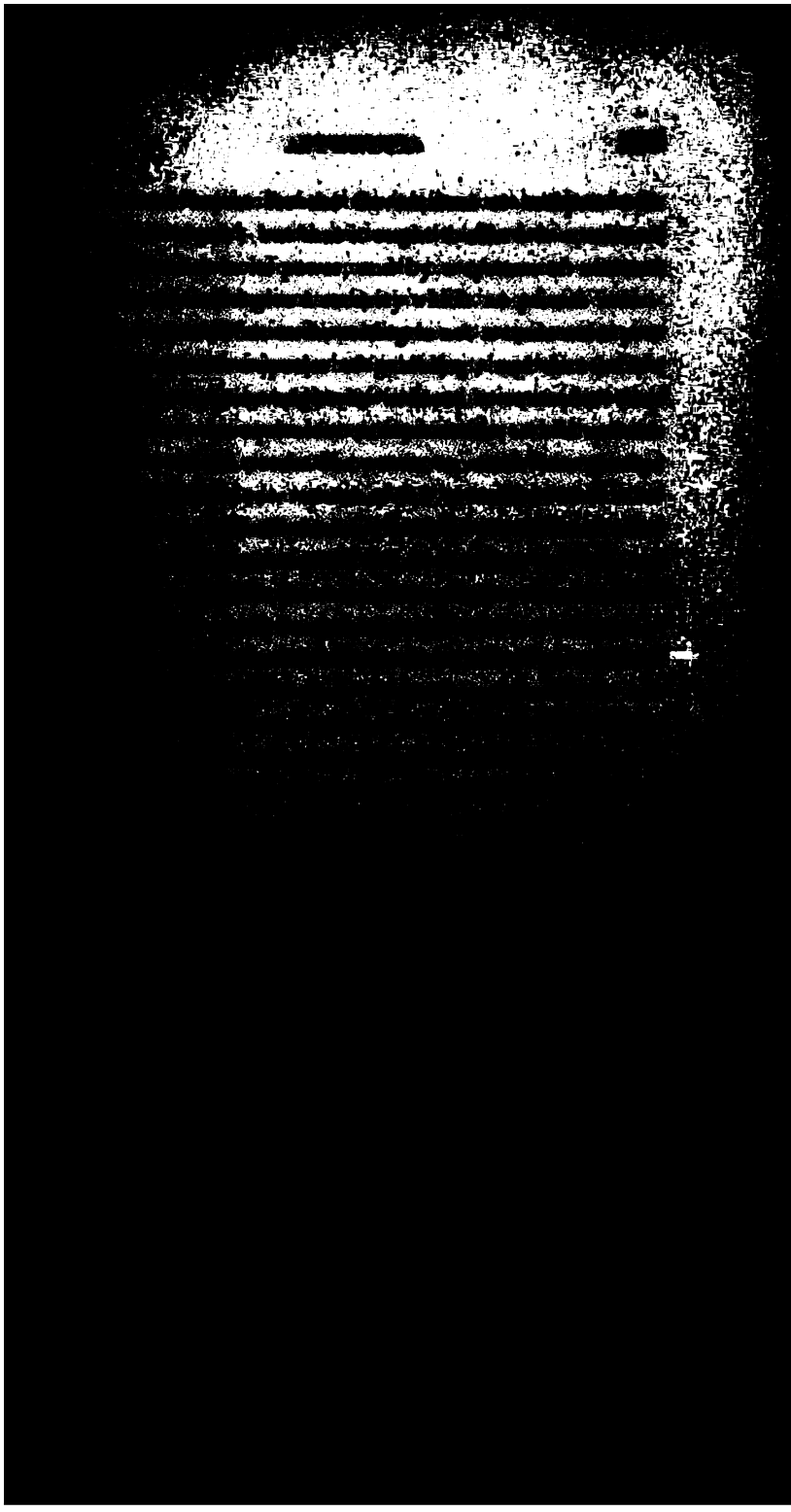
in the integrity which, even more than his unrivalled talents, had obtained for him the confidence at once of his Sovereign and of the Country, was unable to overturn what so many powerful parties were interested to uphold. All that he could attempt with safety was, to introduce from time to time such regulations into the different offices as were calculated to correct the more evident and flagrant abuses. In the revenue department, the evils were particularly great. A large proportion of the officers maintained an improper understanding with the merchant, and even with the smuggler; and had thus placed themselves so entirely in the power of those whom it was their business to check, that when the Government would enforce a better system, they found it necessary first to relieve them from all fear of their former confederates, by declaring a general amnesty.

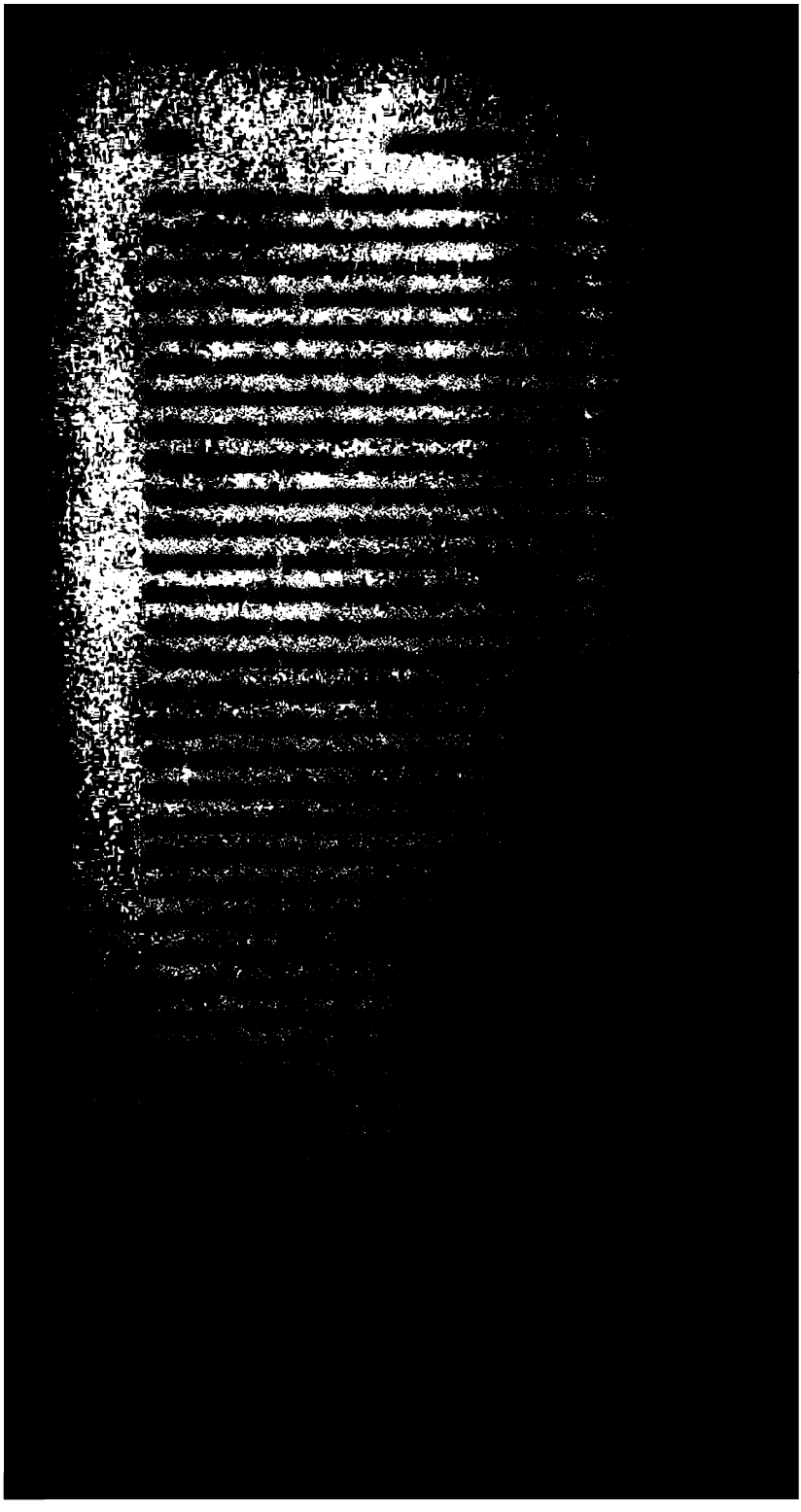
As soon as Mr. Pellew had received the appointment, he took the most active measures to give efficiency to his office. He soon had direct proof of the existing system of collusion, by seizing at an adjoining port a vessel loaded with wine, which he found running her cargo at day-break, with some revenue officers assisting. At that time, the revenue cruisers were furnished by the collector of the customs, who received a certain hire, with a proportion of the captures. Mr. Pellew had two of these vessels, the Hawk, of 14 guns, and the Lark, of 12, which he kept so constantly at sea, that one of the commanders made a formal complaint of the excessive duty, and resigned his vessel.

Such strictness could not but create much exasperation, at a period when a great part of the population on the coast was concerned in smuggling. His life was repeatedly threatened, and he was earnestly advised to use every precaution for his personal safety. On one occasion, handbills having been posted, advertising a price for his assassination, the merchants of Falmouth, without waiting for the steps which the Board of Customs might think proper to take, offered a









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APPENDIX

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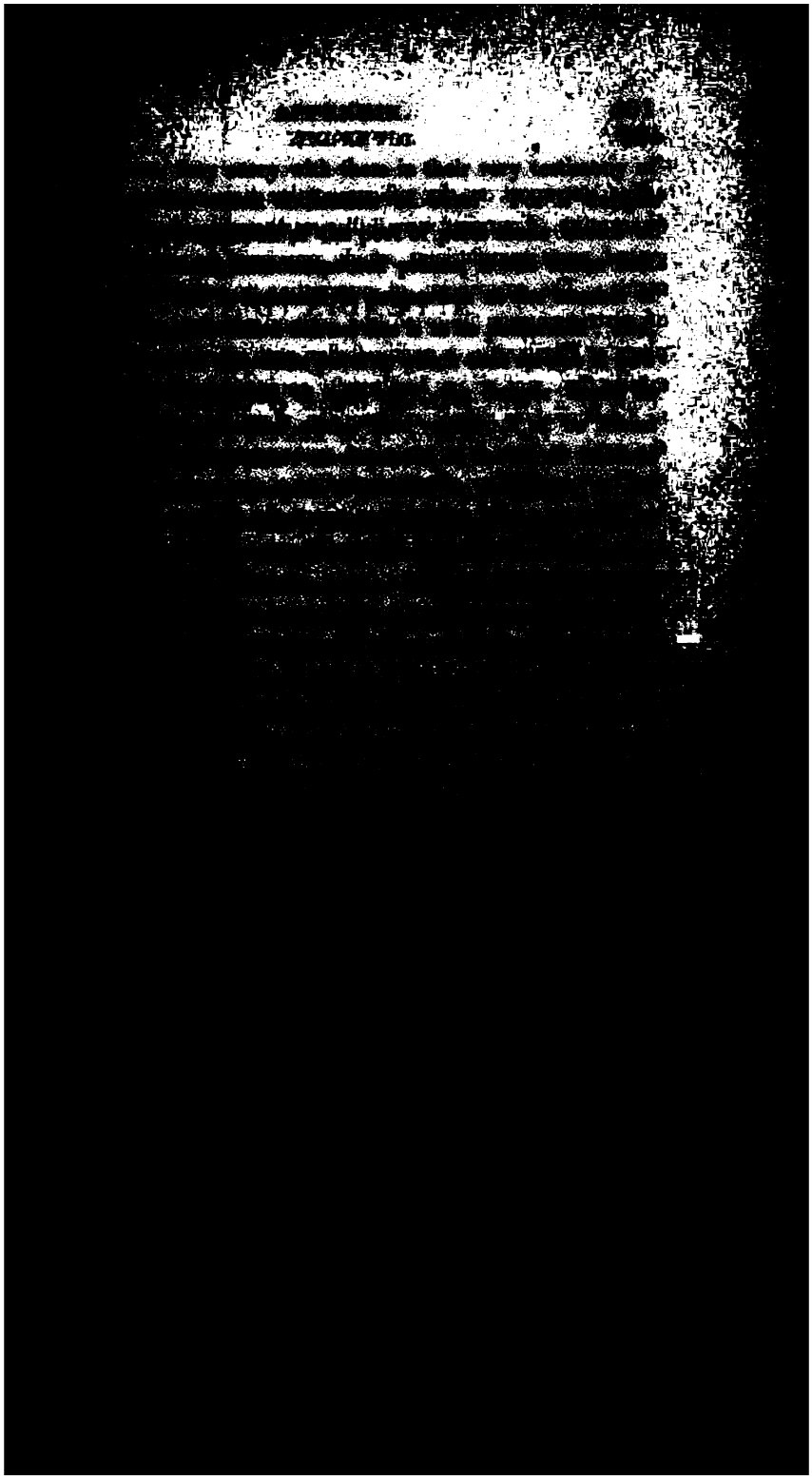
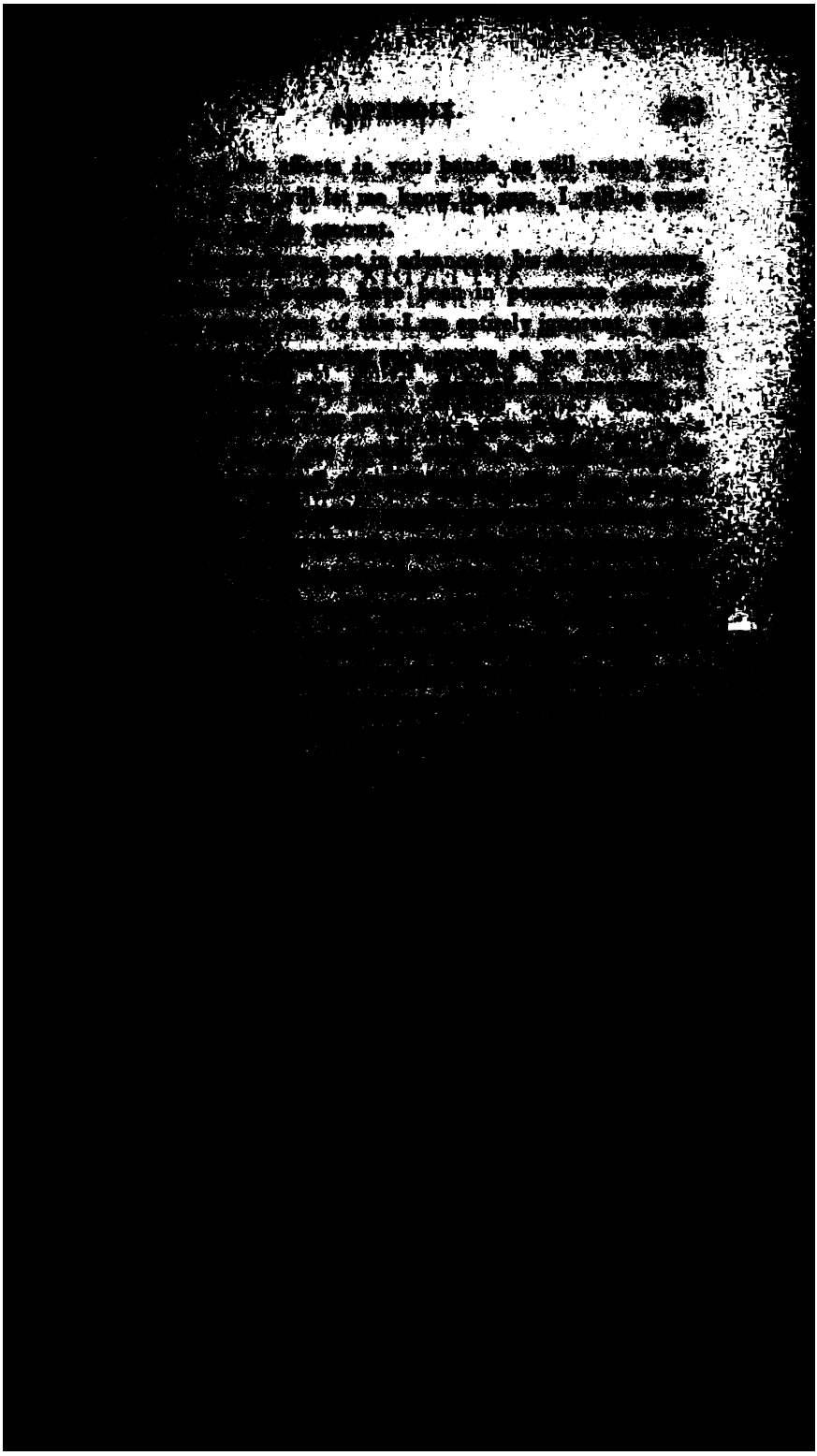
there is a Medical Board in this Country, and that the first object of quarantine is the preservation of the public health, is astonishing. For want of this most essential provision, increased evil cannot but be incurred in cases of actual disease; and where the ship only comes from a suspected place, and no disease exists, the merchant and mariner are exposed to unnecessary inconvenience, when medical discernment would do away all apprehension.

"A third defect is found in the manner of airing goods in cases of suspected disease; which, as now enjoined, defeats its very object; for it is confined to certain limited periods, without reference to the real or suspected infection of the articles to be aired. The existence or non-existence of disease would be a much surer criterion, and would subject the trader to less inconvenience where no disease exists, by avoiding unnecessary delays; and the Country to less danger where it does, by causing the goods so aired to be more particularly attended to. For the whole process of airing, according to the present law, consists in opening the suspected article on the ship's deck, and wrapping it up again in the same package, which is immediately after sent to the manufacturer; instead of the thorough purification it might receive if sent to a lazaretto on shore.

"But the last feature, and which marks most decidedly the character of the existing quarantine laws, as unsafe, and ill-calculated to protect the public health, is the want of *one certain spot* for all ships coming from a suspected place. Until very late years, all the ports in the Channel were considered quarantine ports; and, as in most cases, the more the duty was diffuse, the less it was attended to. It is with some degree of horror, from knowing the very careless manner in which, for the most part, it has been conducted, that I reflect on the past; while in the prospect of its continuance, I tremble for the future.

"Some time in the year 1796, being called upon, *ex*





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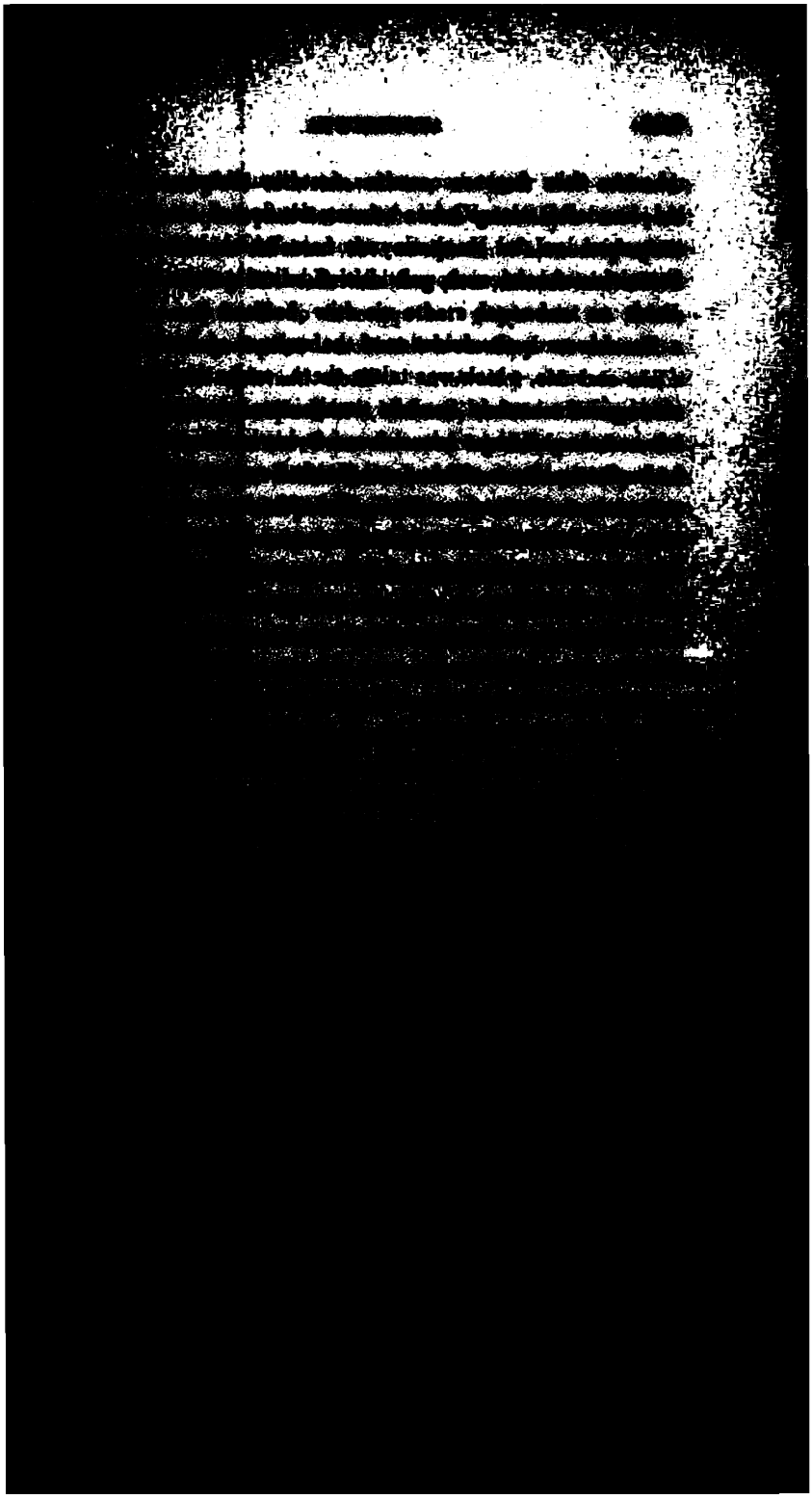


[illegible] Directors [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] in the Indian [illegible] in 1818, the [illegible]
[illegible] conferred upon him, with [illegible]
[illegible] his coat of arms, and the honorary degree
[illegible] University of Oxford. [illegible]
[illegible] the Bath in 1818, he was [illegible]
[illegible] Commanders. But perhaps the [illegible]
[illegible]

floating force of all sorts, and how they are best got at, and if in any state of preparation.

"Observe if the ship laying along the face of the Mole will be high enough to fire over it, if silenced, into the city; or if by placing one at a particular spot, the gate from the Mole into the city may be battered down.

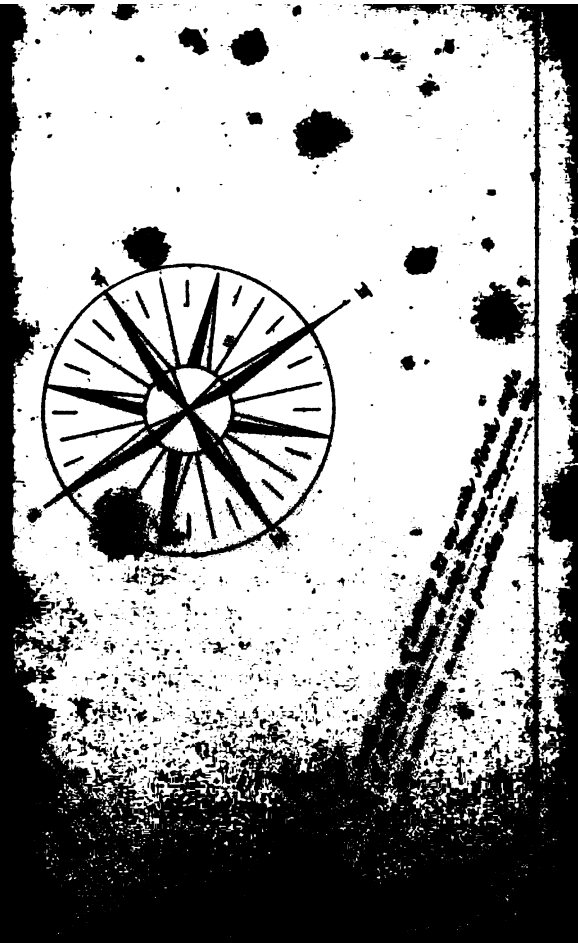
"Observe if a frigate or gun-boats may not be placed to advantage to the north-west of the Light-house, and minute if any batteries could annoy them there, or prevent their firing into the Mole on that side.

"Observe if there is any boom which would prevent fire-boats from attempting the frigates or floating ships.

"Observe the bottom, if good holding; and having satisfied yourself on these points, return and join me.

"Be with the consul as much as you can, and go on board to write your observations, carefully locking them up. Be cautious never to have any sort of paper about your person which may lead to suspicion.

"EXMOUTH."



[illegible] Light-house without passing within a cable's [illegible] or a little more of it. There is a magazine in [illegible] in bad weather I have seen the sea break com[illegible] over it. I could not see any shot or other stores [illegible] for its supply, nor had any of the guns been [illegible] in the bore.

[illegible] which joins the Light-house with the main. [illegible] is a storehouse built all along it, so high, that no [illegible] the bay to the N.W. of the Light-house could [illegible] the Mole, except through an arch at the east [illegible] between its end and the Light-house battery, [illegible] direction some execution might be done at the [illegible] battery marked K, and the road to the [illegible] [illegible]

in the bore.

APPENDIX (I).

HEALTH OF THE FLEET.

From "An Account of the Wounded on board his [illegible] ship Queen Charlotte, in the Battle of Algiers. [illegible] A. Denny, Physician to the Fleet, Surgeon of [illegible] Charlotte." (From the Medico-Chirurgical [illegible] 1819.)

[illegible] the north part of the works, by throwing [illegible] her fire upon the upper tier of the Light-house [illegible] will keep nearly abreast the Superb; and [illegible] flag-ship placed, will anchor as near to her as [illegible] towards the town until she opens the Mole, [illegible] either fire on the round tower, or the gun- [illegible] on the town walls. She must run a [illegible] flag-ship, and leave as close to her as possible, [illegible] the fire of both, and to afford room for the Severn [illegible] between her and the flag-ship.

[illegible] will anchor, and present her broadside to [illegible]

APPENDIX (L).

[illegible] of Admiral Lord Exmouth, to attack Algiers.

[illegible] Rear-Ad. Milne, Capt. Edw. [illegible]

[illegible] it had been necessary to have borne it in [illegible] what is the fact?—the Queen Charlotte was [illegible] secured, the *only ship* anchored, when the [illegible]. The stations taken up under the heaviest of [illegible], Severn, and Me-[illegible], attest the assertion that "the ships *must* [illegible] their stations;"—for, be it remembered, that [illegible] not only for the extreme exacti-[illegible] they took their assigned stations, but also [illegible] difficult, having to pass all the [illegible] a part of the position where not [illegible] ship; but also that of the [illegible]

their measures speaks for itself. Not more than a hundred days since, I left Algiers with the British fleet, unsuspicious and ignorant of the atrocities which had been committed at Bona. That fleet, on its arrival in England, was necessarily disbanded, and another, with proportionate resources, created and equipped; and although impeded in its progress by calms and adverse winds, it has poured the vengeance of an insulted nation, in chastising the cruelties of a ferocious Government, with a promptitude beyond example, and highly honourable to the national character, eager to resent oppression or cruelty, wherever practised upon those under its protection.

Would to God that in the attainment of this object I had not deeply to lament the severe loss of so many gallant officers and men. They have profusely bled in a contest which has been peculiarly marked by proofs of such devoted heroism, as would rouse every noble feeling, did I dare to indulge in relating them.

The battle was fairly at issue between a handful of Britons, in the noble cause of Christianity, and a horde of fanatics, assembled round their city, and enclosed within its fortifications, to obey the dictates of their Despot.

The cause of God and humanity prevailed; and so devoted was every creature in the fleet, that even British women served at the same guns with their husbands, and during a contest of many hours, never shrank from danger, but animated all around them.

If ever it can be permitted to an officer to depart from the usual forms of naval correspondence on any occasion, I trust I shall find in the indulgence of my superiors, and of my Country, excuses for having ventured thus to intrude my own sentiments; and I confide myself to their liberality.

Their Lordships will have been already informed by his Majesty's sloop Jasper, of my proceedings up to the 14th

[illegible]

[illegible] true. He replied, if he had such information, he [illegible] as he did, and probably from the same [illegible] public prints.

[illegible] were all in port, and between forty and fifty [illegible] boats ready, with several more in forward [illegible] The Dey had closely confined the Consul, and re[illegible] to give him up, or to promise his personal safety; [illegible] he hear a word, respecting the officers and men [illegible] the boat of the Prometheus.

[illegible] of adverse winds and calms, the [illegible] of Algiers was not made before the [illegible] at day-break, the fleet was ad[illegible] of the city, though not so near as I had in[illegible] [illegible] of the Severn, [illegible] I had to make in the [illegible] the Dey [illegible]

[illegible]

having then one hundred and fifty killed and wounded, and requesting I would, if possible, send him a frigate to divert some of the fire he was under.

The Glasgow, near me, immediately weighed, but the wind had been driven away by the cannonade, and she was obliged to anchor again, having obtained rather a better position than before.

I had at this time sent orders to the explosion-vessel, (under charge of Lieutenant Fleming, and Mr. Parker), by [illegible] Reeds, of the engineers, to bring her into the Mole, [illegible] Rear-Admiral, having thought she might do him [illegible] service, if exploded under the battery in his front, [illegible] Captain Powell to carry my orders to this vessel [illegible] where he staid till it was executed. I desired [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] years to come, and remembered by these barba-[illegible] for ever.

[illegible] conducting this ship to her station by the masters of [illegible] and ship,* excited the praise of all. The former [illegible] my companion in arms for more than twenty years. [illegible] thus detailed, though but imperfectly, the pro-[illegible] of this short service, I venture to hope that the [illegible] and devoted services of myself, the officers, and [illegible] every description I have the honour to command, [illegible] viewed by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent [illegible] accustomed grace. The approbation of our ser-[illegible] Sovereign, and the good opinion of our Country, [illegible] affirm, be received by us all with the [illegible]

[illegible]

APPENDIX (O).

Copy of Lord Exmouth's Letter to the Dey of Algiers.

H.M.S. Queen Charlotte, Algiers Bay,

29th August, 1816.

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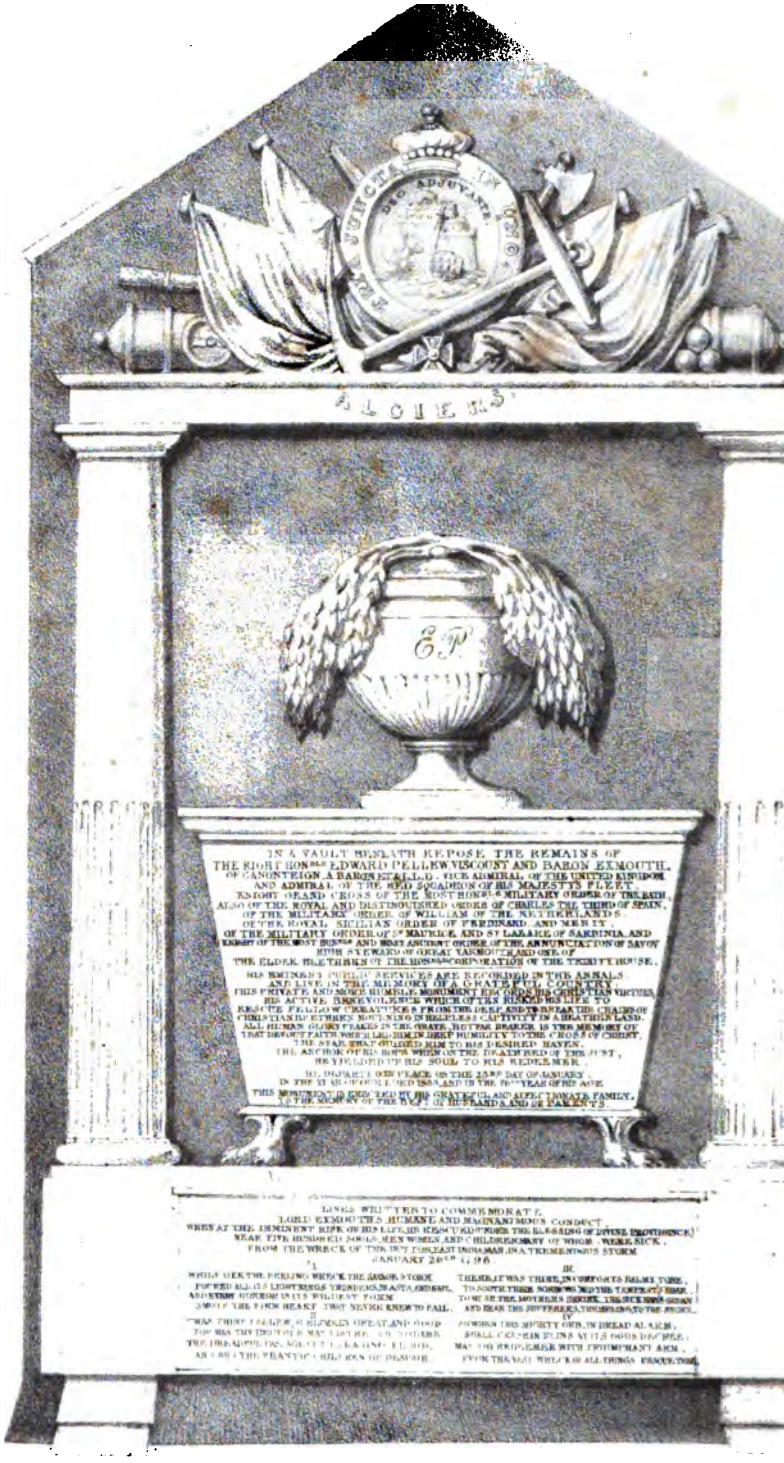
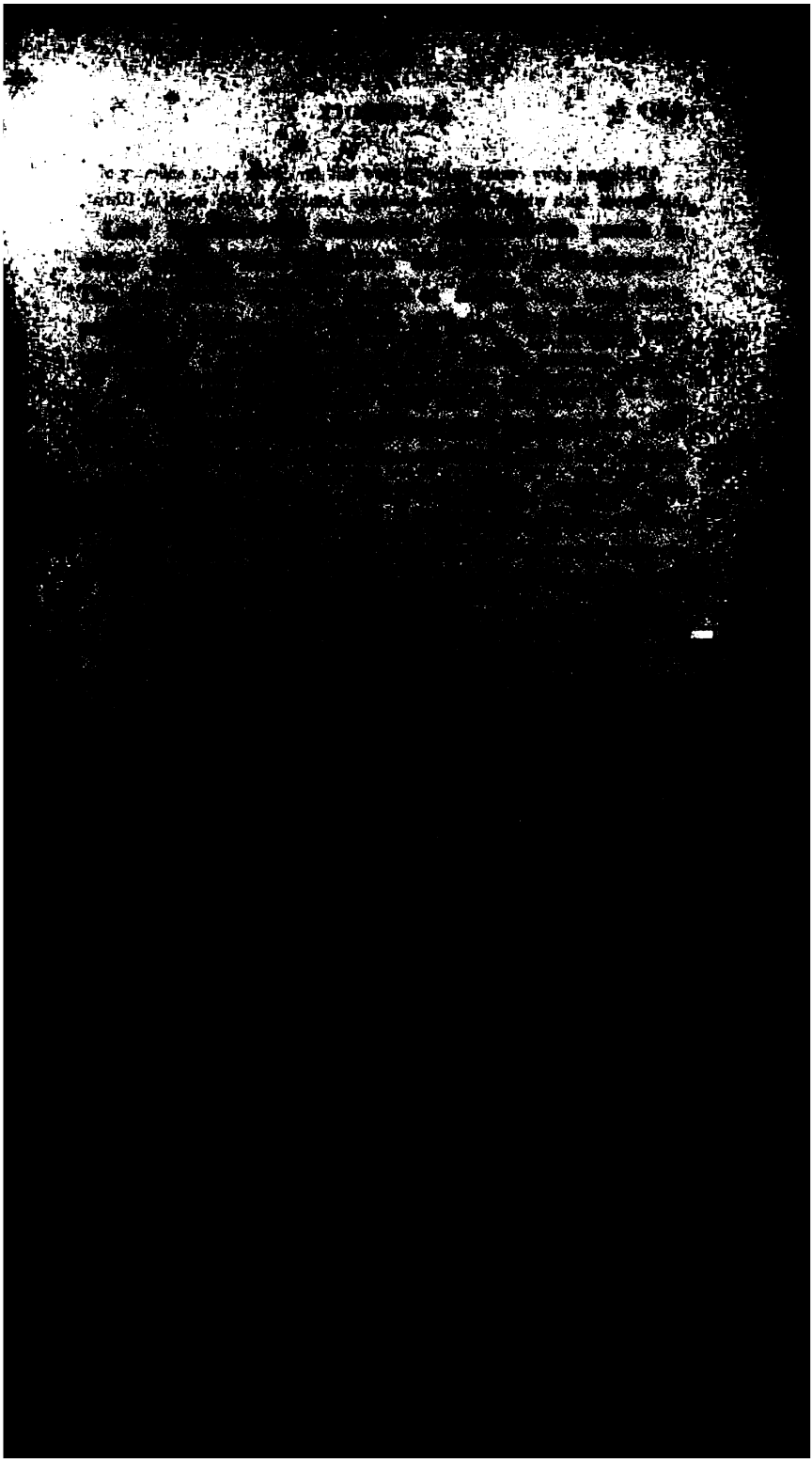
does not fail." Upon this, I immediately made signal to form line of battle in the order agreed upon, in the supposition that all the officers must have been well acquainted with the position of the forts and batteries that fell to our share before the attack was to begin; but as it appears the signal was not well understood, I resolved to change [illegible] Melampus. At half-past [illegible] the whole fleet bore up in succession, the Melampus [illegible] ship of the English [illegible] two [illegible] were now hard [illegible] the Queen Charlotte [illegible] the wind, with [illegible]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